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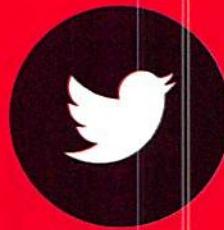
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His welcome tag was there on Saturday, as was a bouquet of flowers and a book for people to sign, but not Tenopir, who passed away on Monday after a long battle with leukemia.

"Milt Tenopir was a great man and it was a blessing for our staff to get to know him over the past couple years," Nebraska head coach Mike Riley said. "He will be truly missed but the impact he left will always be remembered. Milt will forever be a Husker."

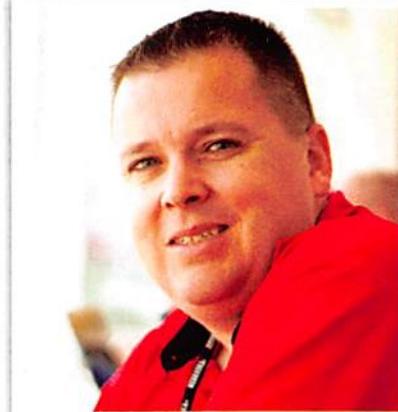
Last week, Tenopir, who retired from NU's coach staff in 2003 due to health reasons, had attended a Nebraska practice in his wheelchair and greeted many of the Husker players after the practice ended.

His sudden death a few days later was another tough loss for NU players, who lost teammate Sam Foltz before the season started.

Tenopir, who coached for 41 years, including 29 under Tom Osborne, would have been proud of Nebraska's offensive line play, especially late in the third quarter and in the fourth quarter of Saturday's 31-16 victory over Illinois. During that time period Nebraska strung together a 10:42 scoring drive and a 5:49 scoring drive along with a 63-yard touchdown run.

Wearing opposing teams down in the fourth quarter was one of the things that Tenopir's offensive lines took great pride in doing during his long career at Nebraska that saw Huskers teams he assisted with go 295-63-2.

On Saturday, Nebraska's 18-play, 75-yard drive that was capped off by a three-yard touchdown run from Terrell Newby gave NU the lead for good at 17-16 with



11:58 left in the fourth quarter. The drive featured 15 rushing plays.

The Huskers followed that drive up with an 11-play, 59-yard drive that included nine rushing plays.

Sensing that they were wearing down the Fighting Illini defense, the offensive line opened up a gaping hole on the next drive that Newby hit for a 63-yard touchdown run to put the game out of reach at 31-16 with 2:03 left.

These drives followed a big drive to open the game. After receiving the kickoff, Nebraska went 75 yards on 13 plays. At the time, this had tied NU's longest drive of the season in terms of plays. The Huskers capped the 6:37 scoring drive with a Tommy Armstrong Jr. one-yard run, which was the ninth running play of the drive.

Nebraska then went quiet offensively for nearly two and a half quarters as turnovers, penalties and missed opportunities ended drives.

I missed hearing Tenopir and the other coaches a row behind me discussing what they were seeing.

It will be nearly three weeks before Nebraska returns to Memorial Stadium for its next home game against Purude on Oct. 22, but I know Tenopir will also have a place in Nebraska fans' hearts.

The signed memory book was to delivered to the Tenopir family at his Celebration of Life service Sunday in the West Stadium Club.

Another person absent from Saturday's Illinois game was former Nebraska coach Bill Glassford, who had coached NU to a 31-35-3 record from 1949 to 1955.

Glassford had wanted to attend Saturday's game with his son, Gary Glassford, but he passed away from natural causes in Arizona on Sept. 19 at the age of 102 years old. When Glassford resigned from Nebraska in 1955, he never went back into coaching, maybe a reason for his long lifespan, however he always remained a Husker fan.

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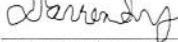
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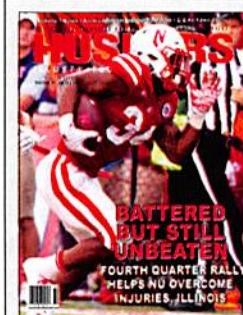
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Defensive lineman Kevin Maurice hails from the "Happiest Place on Earth" and still hasn't fully adjusted to Nebraska winters, but he's found a home in Lincoln.

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SEPT. 10	WYOMING	MEMORIAL STADIUM	11A.M.	W,52-17
SEPT. 17	OREGON	MEMORIAL STADIUM	2:30P.M.	W,35-32
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OCT. 1	ILLINOIS	MEMORIAL STADIUM	2:30P.M.	W,31-16
OCT. 15	@INDIANA	BLOOMINGTON,INDIANA	2:30P.M.	TBA
OCT. 22	PURDUE	MEMORIAL STADIUM	TBA	TBA
OCT. 29	@WISCONSIN	MADISON,WISCONSIN	6P.M.	ABC/ESPN
NOV. 5	@OHIO STATE	COLUMBUS,OHIO	7P.M.	ABC/ESPN
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ON THE COVER

Nebraska senior running back Terrell Newby had a huge fourth quarter for the Huskers, carrying 16 times for 113 yards and two touchdowns. He is shown at the beginning of breaking away from the Illinois defenders on his 63-yard touchdown run late in the game that sealed the victory. His 140-yard performance was the second-most of his career and needed by NU since running backs Devine Ozigbo and Mikale Wilbon and several other key players were out with injuries.

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RECRUITING NOTEBOOK

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Nebraska coaches will be busy recruiting during bye week



MICHAEL SCHAEFER/HUSKERS ILLUSTRATED

Trajon Cotton and other Nebraska recruits enjoyed their visit for the Oregon game.

Nebraska heads into the bye week a perfect 5-0 and rolling both on the field and off of it with strong recruiting.

The Huskers added a commitment after the Oregon game in Deiontae Watts and have already hosted 26 official visitors this season through four home games. To put that number in perspective the Huskers hosted 39 official visitors total all of the 2016 cycle. In the 2015 cycle it was just 42. Nebraska could shatter those numbers and finish with 50-plus official visitors this season, with the great majority coming for home games.

Despite the fact the Huskers have a bye week, recruiting won't slow down at all. Defensive coordinator Mark Bunker said the entire staff is going to be on the road, including coordinators.

"We'll be out," he said.

"We're all leaving out of here on Thursday and get on the road Friday and Saturday."

Getting the coordinators on the road is important for the Huskers. Unlike in December and January, NU can't go in-home but are able to stop by schools or visit for games.

This period of time could also be very important for offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf to make connections and start the process of recruiting ahead in 2018.

Langsdorf admitted it's hard to balance the game planning with the recruiting, but feels it's equally as important to utilize any time he can to go out and spread the word about Nebraska.

"It's a time management deal," he said. "I think that recruiting is a huge part of it. Especially on a bye. We need to spend some time making sure

we're in touch with guys and going and seeing them. We still also have to make sure we're getting ready to play our next game, so it's absolutely a time management issue."

While Langsdorf might be able to look ahead at 2018, Nebraska still has plenty of needs in the 2017 class and it could be a big week for several recruiters like Reggie Davis and Brian Stewart. Both position coaches are still working on commitments for players at their respective groups. Currently the Huskers hold zero commitments at defensive back and running back.

Davis could spend time in a couple different places, going out to watch running back Alaric Williams in Alabama and he'll likely try to convince top targets like Eno Benjamin and Stephen Carr to consider using an official visit to see

Nebraska.

While Davis appears to be chasing guys committed elsewhere, Stewart will have a little bit easier go of it as he is likely heading out to California where he could drop by and see guys like Thomas Graham and Jaylon Redd, two four-star defensive backs who visited Nebraska for the Fresno State game. Stewart could also swing by Calabasas to speak with coaches, as both 2017 five-star Darnay Holmes and 2018 four-star Brendan Radley-Hiles attend the school, as well as Nebraska commits Keyshawn Johnson and Tristan Gebbia.

Regardless where individual coaches go, expect there to be a flurry of activity, because even though the Huskers have off on the schedule, coaches will stay busy with recruiting.

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BY MICHAEL BRUNTZ

STATE OF THE HUSKERS

Nebraska keeps dominating the fourth quarter



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Already this season Nebraska has faced enough adversity and noise off the field to last a generation, but on Saturday against Illinois, Nebraska faced a good amount of on-field adversity.

– The Huskers lost tight end Cethan Carter, wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp and running back Devine Ozigbo to injury in the game.

– Just two of the offensive linemen who started the season in Nebraska's top five played significant snaps in the game. Walk-on Cole Conrad came into the game to replace tackle David Knevel who has been battling an ankle injury for several weeks.

– Illinois, coming off a bye week, looked dialed in from a scheme point of view from the opening kickoff, throwing new wrinkles at the Huskers.

It added up to the kind of Big Ten contest that gives even the most positive Husker fan a pit in their stomach.

"Did you all stay around for the fourth quarter? It didn't look like much up until then," Nebraska head coach Mike Riley joked after the game. "I'm really proud of this team because it was also pretty obvious that (Illinois) had the edge early. They were on top of it earlier than we were, they were making more plays and they were tackling well and making us miss. There was a lot of hard stuff, but I'm really pleased with our ability to stay in it and then play better and make big plays to win the game. That's great stuff. We obviously have a lot of work to do to improve those other things, but that part of it is a great quality to have."

As the Huskers have done since July, the team answered the bell against Illinois. Trailing at halftime, Nebraska put together what might be one of the more impressive drives in recent memory – the kind of drive that was all grit, hard running mixed with a big play or two. Nebraska took over in its own territory and used 18 plays to march 75 yards and take a 17-16 lead on a Terrell Newby touchdown plunge.

The drive took 10:42 of actual time off the

clock, but with stoppages for reviews and injuries, the drive took nearly 40 minutes of actual time. The drive was blue collar. It was methodical. Newby converted a fourth down play in Illinois territory by a matter of inches and then carried the ball in a few plays later.

Nebraska's defense forced a three-and-out on the ensuing possession, and the Huskers used 11 plays to march 59 yards and bleed almost six minutes off the clock. It wasn't always pretty, but it was effective – the perfect approach when you're missing key players and down a few linemen.

"I think that our team has made plays to win games, and I think the fourth quarter is when you're doing that," Riley said. "Like I said, I'm proud of that. Maybe whatever they did, and what our people did to condition them and to last and play. I don't know if that's a part of it, but it could be. I think the biggest part is the mental competitiveness. Keep your poise, keep playing, even though it wasn't very pretty, and then make some plays to win the game. It was great."

The turnaround through five games of the 2016 season has been pretty remarkable. Last year, Nebraska struggled to run the ball in key moments and put games out of reach. This year, Nebraska is out-scoring opponents 78-6 in the fourth quarter, and looks like a seasoned fighter scoring points against a tired opponent in the late round.

Newby was at his best Saturday against Illinois, finishing with 27 carries for 140 yards and two touchdowns. The senior was at his best in that fourth quarter, rushing for 113 yards in the fourth quarter. During the stretch in the fourth quarter where Nebraska put the game out of reach, Newby touched the ball on 16 of 18 plays, helping Nebraska pass yet another test.

"It was one of the things that we focused on all offseason was finishing," senior safety Nate Gerry said. "Last year we lost six games or whatever it was to fourth quarter games, and it was just one of the things we have been focusing on in practice and throughout the offseason was just finishing."

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10 questions with Kevin Maurice

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Q: What is something you have learned outside of football in your four years here?

A: Probably the impact that we as athletes have on the community and how much of a major role we play in the community with different outreach events and stuff like that.

Q: You're from Orlando and there are a lot of things do there. What's the best thing you say there is to do in Orlando?

A: Disney World hands down without question.

Q: What restaurant do you miss most in Orlando that you can't get here?

A: Back home there's a BBQ spot that I think is probably the best. It's called Four Rivers Smokehouse. They've got some Steak-N-Shakes back home too.

Q: You were wearing a NWO wrestling shirt after the Northwestern game? A few defensive linemen said they have them too. What's going on with that?

A: I am just a wrestling fan so I just wear the shirt. That's all it is. Just a wrestling fan that has a shirt (with a laugh).

Q: What is your biggest fear?

A: My biggest fear is failure. I never want to fail at anything.

Q: What's the best Halloween costume you've ever seen?

A: "I seen somebody try to be Eazy-E. He had the Afro and he had a full perm with everything like that. That's probably the most outrageous one I've seen."

Q: Do you like being home or is that something you've grown accustomed to?

A: Yea I kind of got accustomed to it. We live off campus now and I've got my own house now. I have kind of grown to be here. I miss home some but not how I used to when I was a freshman.

Q: Are winters still difficult for you?

A: I am still not accustomed to winters but I learned you have got to layer up and even when you layer up you're still going to be cold. You've just got to power through.

Q: If you were traveling to an island, would you take a boat or a plane?

A: I'd probably take a plane. I've never been on a boat and I've seen Titanic plenty of times so I don't want to play with anything like that."

Q: And when you arrive at that island, what three things would you pick to have with you?

A: My three things would be food, water and entertainment. You have to have entertainment.







Terrell Newby breaks through the Illinois defense on his 63-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

Newby takes control for Huskers

Senior rushes for 113 yards, two scores in fourth quarter

Story by Kevin Houck • Photos by Ken Juszyk and Reggie Ryder

In a game where Nebraska struggled for consistency through the first three quarters, the Huskers finally took possession of the game in the fourth quarter. Nebraska trailed 16-10 heading into the fourth quarter but the Huskers, who have now outscored their five opponents 78-6 in the fourth quarter this season, put up 21 points while blanking Illinois over the final 15 minutes to squeeze out a 31-16 victory Saturday.

The Husker offense relied on running back Terrell Newby in the fourth quarter. Newby had only 11 carries for 27 yards through three quarters until he went off for 16 carries for 113 yards and two touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

"I really have a lot of respect for what he did today," Nebraska head coach Mike Riley said. "We were down. Devine (Ozigbo) was out, (Mikale) Wilbon was hurting, it was pretty thin. He stayed up and played physically tough, took care of the football and made big plays. You have to give the line some credit there. We started making some hay on some of those zone runs that we had. So they're doing a good job there. I thought Newby was a real man today."

Nebraska received the ball to start the game and quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. moved Nebraska's offense down the field at will. Armstrong capped off a 13-play, 75-yard drive with a one-yard quarterback keeper for the first points of the game.

After defensive end Freedom Akinmoladun sacked quarterback Wes Lunt to force a fourth down, Nebraska took over at its own 14-yard line.

The Huskers drove the ball to the Fighting Illini 29-yard line. That's when NU picked up two of its three penalties for the entire game on back-to-back plays.

A 21-yard pass to Newby was called back for illegal formation and on the next play a 14-yard reception was called back for offensive pass interference leading to a third and 25.

"There's going to be some holding calls, some pass interference, there's going to be some of that stuff in football in general," Riley said. "You want to hold those down, you don't want many. Three penalties is a far cry from where we were a year ago."

Westerkamp made a 10-yard catch but NU still faced a fourth and 15 from the 39-yard line. Riley opted to send kicker Drew Brown out for a 56-yard field attempt into the wind, but it fell short in the back of the endzone.

Illinois took over at its own 40-yard line and the Husker defense struggled to wrap up on the drive.

Two third-down conversions set up running back Kendrick Foster for a 31-yard rushing touchdown less than four minutes into the second quarter to tie the game at 7-7.

On the ensuing drive, the Huskers were effective in the screen game. A 21-yard reception to wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp and a 13-yard reception to running back Mikale Wilbon set Nebraska up at the Illinois 19-yard line. But after an incompletion on third and three, NU had to settle for another field goal attempt.

Brown knocked down a 29-yard field goal to put the Huskers up



Terrell Newby fights across the goal line for the go-ahead three-yard touchdown run with 11:58 remaining in the game.

10-7 with 5:59 left in the second quarter.

On its ensuing drive, Illinois threatened inside the Huskers 10-yard line but the Fighting Illini settled for a 24-yard field goal to tie the game at 10-10 with 1:01 left in the first half.

The Husker offense tried to move quickly down the field before halftime.

But after a 28-yard completion to Westerkamp, Armstrong was picked off along the Illinois sideline by Darius Mosley, who returned the interception to the Husker 46-yard line with 28 seconds left in the first half.

Illinois capitalized on the turnover with a 43-yard field goal as time expired to head into halftime with a 13-10 lead.

After a three-and-out to start the second half, Illinois punted to De'Mornay Pierson-El with plenty of space in front of him. Pierson-El returned the punt 27 yards to the Illinois 29-yard line for the Huskers to take over.

On second and 13 from the Illinois 15-yard line, Wilbon fumbled and the ball was recovered by the Fighting Illini.

"The turnovers in general get you beat, and the turnovers when you have the chance to score just can be lethal," Riley said. "So it's always a big concern."

Illinois once again turned the turnover into points. A 33-yard field goal capped an 8-play, 74-yard drive to put Illinois up 16-10 with 7:40 left in the third quarter.

Nebraska responded with its longest drive of the season. After making two fourth-down conversions, Newby finished the drive with a three-yard rushing touchdown to put the Huskers up 17-16 with 11:58 left in the game. Nebraska's 18-play, 75-yard drive took

a total time of 10:42.

The Husker offense went back to work after a three-and-out by the Fighting Illini offense.

Nebraska put the ball in Newby's hands nine out of 10 plays on the drive to set up a six-yard touchdown reception by tight end Trey Foster with 4:32 remaining in the game.

On the next Illinois drive, the Illini gained nine yards on three plays and faced a fourth and 1 from their own 34-yard line. Head coach Lovie Smith decided to punt the ball with his team down eight points and with all three timeouts remaining.

Newby quickly let Illinois regret the decision. Newby took the second play of the Husker drive for a 63-yard touchdown to put the Huskers up 31-16 with just over two minutes remaining in the game.

"I mean, it was wide open," Newby said. "It was a great push up front. It starts with the o-line. I think they did a great job, especially with a lot of guys going down. I am real proud of them being able to go out there and show out. It started with them, and I was able to finish the run."

The Blackshirts stopped the Fighting Illini, who had 18 yards of total offense in the fourth quarter, on their next four plays to seal the victory.

"The first three quarters we saw some things we had not seen on film yet," Nebraska safety Nate Gerry said. "It was probably due to the bye week or whatnot, but we just saw some new things that we had to adjust to and make adjustments at halftime. The first couple quarters we could not tackle very well, giving up some weak yardage. Coming on toward the fourth quarter, we started making plays."



Nebraska's Tommy Armstrong Jr. gets bent awkwardly by Illinois' Chunky Clements, who was called for a horse collar tackle.

Nebraska's 18-play drive seals the victory

STORY BY TERRY DOUGLASS | PHOTO BY MITCH OTTO

Controlling the clock finally paid off for Nebraska during a 31-16 Big Ten Conference victory over Illinois.

The Cornhuskers' 38:01-21:59 advantage in possession time was highlighted by an 18-play, 75-yard drive that started in the third quarter, spanned 10:42 and gave Nebraska the lead for good at 17-16 on I-back Terrell Newby's three-yard touchdown run with 11:58 to play.

Illinois had just 10 offensive snaps after pulling ahead 16-10 with 7:40 remaining in the third quarter.

"I think we wore on them," Nebraska offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf said. "That was one thing: We kept staying with it."

Nebraska's 18-play drive – the program's longest in terms of plays since a

20-play drive in 2005 against Colorado and longest in terms of time of possession since at least 2000 – was aided by two Illinois penalties.

On a third-and-12 play, the Fighting Illini appeared to have Huskers' quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. contained, but a 15-yard personal foul penalty for a horse-collar tackle on defensive tackle Chunky Clements gave NU a first down.

Later, on a fourth-and-4 play from the Illini 28-yard line, Illinois cornerback Darius Moseley was called for pass interference while attempting to defend Nebraska wide receiver Stanley Morgan Jr.

Still, the Huskers had to convert on fourth and 1 at the Illinois 3 on a 1-yard run by Newby that was reviewed by replay and upheld. Newby scored the tying

TD from three yards out on the next play and Drew Brown's point-after kick put Nebraska ahead 17-16.

Nebraska sophomore linebacker Dedrick Young said the Husker defense certainly enjoyed the breather provided by the offense in the second half. Illinois ran just 44 offensive plays compared to 72 for NU on the day.

"It's huge for us and it keeps us fresh and the offense is doing their thing, going down and scoring touchdowns," Young said. "It helps us, knowing our offense is taking up a lot of clock."

The 18-play drive, which lasted nearly 30 minutes in real time, was almost too long for Nebraska wide receiver Stanley Morgan Jr.

"I had to use the bathroom – it was long," Morgan said. "We just kept going down the field. That's the fight in us."

Huskers rely on Newby in fourth quarter



Terrell Newby crosses the goal line as the referee signals a touchdown following his 63-yard run.

STORY BY TERRY DOUGLASS | PHOTO BY KEN JUSZYK

Remaining patient ultimately resulted in a big day for Nebraska senior I-back Terrell Newby against Illinois.

After gaining just 27 rushing yards on 11 carries through three quarters, Newby broke loose for 113 yards on 16 carries in the final 15 minutes as the Cornhuskers rallied for a 31-16 victory over Illinois. Newby, who handled the ball on 18 of Nebraska's final 21 offensive snaps, finished with 140 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 27 carries.

"(Newby) had a good feel – he didn't try to rush things, he had good patience and when he hit it, he hit it hard," Nebraska offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf said. "Those were some big runs and they were

hard runs early. It was going to be the ones where we were going to get two and three yards and keep going on it and by the end of the fourth, we were getting five and six yards a carry."

Langsdorf said he figured running the ball would be difficult against Illinois' talent front seven. However, Nebraska's offensive line took over in the fourth quarter, Newby said.

"I think they started getting a lot of push. They started to wear those guys down," Newby said. "That's one of the things we take pride in. To see the defense getting tired, that's what we thrive on."

With Nebraska leading 24-16, Newby put the game away with a 63-yard touchdown run up the middle. The 5-foot-10 sen-

ior from Los Angeles recorded the second-best rushing game of his career with 27 attempts for 140 yards. Newby rushed for 198 yards on 28 carries last season against South Alabama.

"That was a little bit of a curveball they hadn't seen," Langsdorf said. "We had been running that out of a different formation and decided to try and spread it and got a good crease on it."

Despite struggling to find running room against the Fighting Illini in the first three quarters, Newby said he wasn't frustrated.

"That's one of the things we always say, 'Those short runs will start turning into long runs later on in the game,'" Newby said. "So we keep at it, keep at it. It was good that it paid off."

Nebraska 31, Illinois 16

Oct. 1, 2016 at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Nebraska

Attendance: 90,374

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Illinois	0	13	3	0	16
Nebraska	7	3	0	21	31

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	08:23	NEB - Armstrong Jr. 1 yd run (Brown, Drew kick), 13-75 6:37	0 - 7
2nd	10:11	ILL - Foster,K. 31 yd run (McLaughlin,C. kick), 8-60 3:57	7 - 7
	05:59	NEB - Brown, Drew 29 yd field goal, 10-53 4:12	7 - 10
	01:01	ILL - McLaughlin,C. 24 yd field goal, 10-69 4:58	10 - 10
	00:00	ILL - McLaughlin,C. 43 yd field goal, 3-21 0:28	13 - 10
3rd	07:40	ILL - McLaughlin,C. 33 yd field goal, 8-74 3:45	16 - 10
4th	11:58	NEB - Newby, Terrell 3 yd run (Brown, Drew kick), 18-75 10:42	16 - 17
	04:32	NEB - Foster, Trey 6 yd pass from Armstrong Jr. (Brown, Drew kick), 11-59 5:49	16 - 24
	02:03	NEB - Newby, Terrell 63 yd run (Brown, Drew kick), 2-70 0:54	16 - 31



Trey Foster makes a touchdown catch in the fourth quarter to put Nebraska ahead 24-16.

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Team Statistics



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Above: Head coach Mike Riley visits with tight end Cethan Carter after he was forced out of the game with an elbow injury.



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Wide receiver Brandon Reilly drags an Illinois player with him on an end around run.

	ILL	NEB
FIRST DOWNS	12	23
Rushing	4	9
Passing	7	12
Penalty	1	2
NET YARDS RUSHING	124	203
Rushing Attempts	21	49
Average Per Rush	5.9	4.1
Rushing Touchdowns	1	3
Yards Gained Rushing	138	219
Yards Lost Rushing	14	16
NET YARDS PASSING	146	220
Completions-Attempts-Int	14-23-0	16-23-1
Average Per Attempt	6.3	9.6
Average Per Completion	10.4	13.8
Passing Touchdowns	0	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	270	423
Total offense plays	44	72
Average Gain Per Play	6.1	5.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-48	3-35
PUNTS-YARDS	4-166	0-0
Average Yards Per Punt	41.5	0.0
Net Yards Per Punt	31.0	0.0
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	1	0
KICKOFFS-YARDS	4-254	6-384
Average Yards Per Kickoff	63.5	64.0
Net Yards Per Kickoff	43.8	41.0
Touchbacks	1	4
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	3-42-0
Average Per Return	0.0	14.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	2-38-0	2-54-0
Average Per Return	19.0	27.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-24-0	0-0-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	21:59	38:01
1st Quarter	3:34	11:26
2nd Quarter	9:23	5:37
3rd Quarter	5:01	9:59
4th Quarter	4:01	10:59
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 9	10 of 14
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	4-5
Touchdowns	0-2	3-5
Field goals	2-2	1-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	1-9
PAT Kicks	1-1	4-4
Field Goals	3-3	1-2
Points off turnovers	6	0



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Above: Jordan Westerkamp gets tackled after making a 10-yard catch. Right: Stanley Morgan Jr. makes a grab in front of two Illinois players. Mikale Wilbon runs with the ball after catching a screen pass.



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Individual Statistics

Illinois

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Corbin, Reggie	9	76	4	72	0	31	8.0
Foster, K.	7	46	0	46	1	31	6.6
Lunt, Wes	2	14	9	5	0	14	2.5
Vaughn, Ke'Shawn	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
Echard, Nathan	2	1	1	0	0	1	0.0
Totals	21	138	14	124	1	31	5.9

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Lunt, Wes	13-22-0	133	0	26	1
Crouch, Chayce	1-1-0	13	0	13	0
Totals	14-23-0	146	0	26	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Turner, Malik	5	57	0	25
Corbin, Reggie	3	18	0	11
Hardee, Justin	3	17	0	7
Grant, Zach	2	28	0	17
Echard, Nathan	1	26	0	26
Totals	14	146	0	26

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Frain, Ryan	4	166	41.5	44	1	0
Totals	4	166	41.5	44	1	0

Returns	Punt	Kickoff	Intercept						
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Mosely, Darius	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	24
Foster, K.	0	0	0	1	25	25	0	0	0
Vaughn, Ke'Shawn	0	0	0	1	13	13	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	2	38	25	1	24	24

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
McLaughlin, C.	2nd	01:01	24 yards	Good
McLaughlin, C.	2nd	00:00	43 yards	Good
McLaughlin, C.	3rd	07:40	33 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
McLaughlin, C.	4	254	63.5	1	1

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Corbin, Reggie	72	18	0	0	0	90
Foster, K.	46	0	25	0	0	71
Turner, Malik	0	57	0	0	0	57
Grant, Zach	0	28	0	0	0	28

Nebraska

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Newby, Terrell	27	143	3	140	2	63	5.2
Ozigbo, Devine	10	35	0	35	0	7	3.5
Armstrong Jr.	8	23	11	12	1	13	1.5
Reilly, Brandon	1	11	0	11	0	11	11.0
Pierson-El, D.	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
Wilbon, Mikale	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Totals	49	219	16	203	3	63	4.1

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Armstrong Jr.	16-23-1	220	1	37	0
Totals	16-23-1	220	1	37	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Westerkamp, J.	4	65	0	28
Morgan Jr., S.	3	39	0	18
Newby, Terrell	2	26	0	21
Ozigbo, Devine	1	37	0	37
Wilbon, Mikale	1	13	0	13
Cotton, Sam	1	12	0	12
Reilly, Brandon	1	10	0	10
Pierson-El, D.	1	10	0	10
Foster, Trey	1	6	1	6
Carter, Cethan	1	2	0	2
Totals	16	220	1	37

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Totals	0	0	0.0	0	0	0

Returns	Punt	Kickoff	Intercept						
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Pierson-El, D.	3	42	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bryant, Tre	0	0	0	1	30	30	0	0	0
Nelson, Jordan	0	0	0	1	24	24	0	0	0
Totals	3	42	27	2	54	30	0	0	0

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Brown, Drew	2nd	14:08	56 yards	Missed
Brown, Drew	2nd	05:59	29 yards	Good

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Brown, Drew	6	384	64.0	4	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Newby, Terrell	140	26	0	0	0	166
Ozigbo, Devine	35	37	0	0	0	72
Westerkamp, J.	0	65	0	0	0	65
Pierson-El, D.	4	10	0	42	0	56



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Left: Freedom Akinmoladun sacks Illinois quarterback West Lunt. Above: Nathan Gerry tackles Illinois running back Reggie Corbin.

Defensive Statistics

#	Illinois	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
21	Nelson,Patrick	4	12	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Nickerson,Hardy	3	7	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
33	Watson,Tre	3	7	10	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
91	Smoot,Dawuane	4	4	8	-	2-3	-	-	-	-	-	1
11	Clements,C.	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	Jones,Julian	2	4	6	-	2-2	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	Barton,Taylor	0	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Mosely,Darius	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	1-24	-	-	-
6	Phillips,C.	1	3	4	-	1-3	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	Dunlap,Jaylen	3	0	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
55	Milan,Jamal	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	James,Chris	2	0	2	-	1-6	-	-	-	-	-	-
30	Hylton,Julian	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Watkins,Cameron	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	President,Gimel	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
95	Jackson,Kenyon	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
94	Odenigbo, Tito	0	2	2	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Bain,Rob	1	0	1	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
35	Hansen,Jake	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	Crawford,James	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
74	Brennan,Connor	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		32	60	92	0.0-0	7-14	1	1-0	1-24	1	0	2

#	Nebraska	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
5	Young II, D.	2	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
1A	Rose-Ivey, M.	1	5	6	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Gerry, Nathan	3	2	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Kalu, Joshua	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
88	Dzuris, Ross	2	1	3	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Williams, Aaron	0	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
26	Williams, K.	0	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8A	Jones, Chris	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	Maurice, Kevin	1	1	2	-	1-2	-	-	-	-	-	1
16	Reed, Antonio	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
44	Stoltenberg, M.	0	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
96	Davis, Carlos	1	0	1	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-
91	Akinmoladun, F.	1	0	1	1.0-9	1-9	-	-	-	-	-	1
87	Reilly, Brandon	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
52	Banderas, Josh	1	0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	McNitt, Luke	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	Simpson, Brad	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Nabity, Graham	0	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		19	26	45	1.0-9	5-14	0	0-0	0-0	3	0	3

RUSHING OFFENSE: The Huskers won this game on the ground, whether it was Terrell Newby picking up key first downs and then touchdowns or when it was Devine Ozigbo hammering away at the line before leaving with an injury, Nebraska wouldn't have emerged victorious otherwise. Despite these accomplishments, it still was far from an error-free effort. The Huskers ran for 203 yards in the win but Illinois made the team earn everyone of them. Newby's long run to break things open in the fourth quarter also masked just how hard it was for the Huskers to get it going up front. Still three rushing touchdowns on the day counts for something. – Michael Schaefer



PASSING OFFENSE: Nebraska moved the ball through the air at times on Saturday and Tommy Armstrong, aside from a bad interception before the half, was again effective when called upon. He finished with 220 yards, a touchdown and somehow avoided taking a sack on a day where he was running for his life. The reason this grade drops is the pass blocking didn't allow the Huskers to do much. Armstrong was under duress far too often against a good Illinois front, but NU is going to face much better going forward. One major positive is Nebraska's screen game is both effective and running without issue. Could be a big weapon going forward. – Michael Schaefer



RUSHING DEFENSE: The yards were there for the taking, at least initially, by Illinois against Nebraska's defense. The Husker tackling was suspect in the first half and Illinois' running backs found room to run. One big benefit for the Huskers was that the offense controlled the ball for so long in the second half that Illinois wasn't able to grind the clock. The Fighting Illini averaged 5.9 yards per carry and it was obvious after the game that Mike Riley wasn't pleased with the Blackshirts' effort. – Michael Bruntz



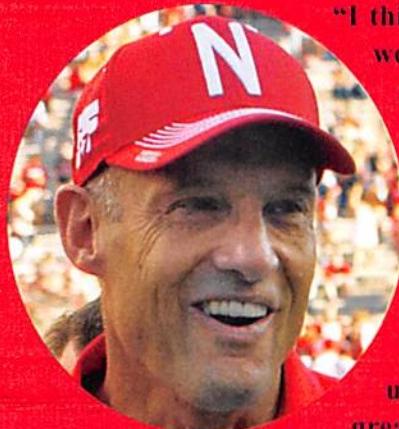
PASSING DEFENSE: Wes Lunt finished the game 13-for-22 for 133 yards and no touchdowns. The longest passing play for Illinois on the night was just 26 yards and the Huskers once again did a nice job of keeping everything in front of them. It was interesting to watch how Nebraska handled the rotations up front – we didn't see a lot of rotating in this game, and the Huskers got just one sack of Lunt. Give credit, though, to the passing defense down the stretch when the Huskers made plays late to keep Illinois off the scoreboard. – Michael Bruntz



KICKING/SPECIAL TEAMS: The Huskers had a solid day overall on special teams. The one bugaboo came on the decision to have Drew Brown kick a 56-yard field goal in the first half that cost Nebraska field position and led to Illinois' first seven points of the game. De'Mornay Pierson-El had two punt returns in the game, returning three punts for 42 yards, and the Huskers didn't have a punt on the afternoon. – Michael Bruntz

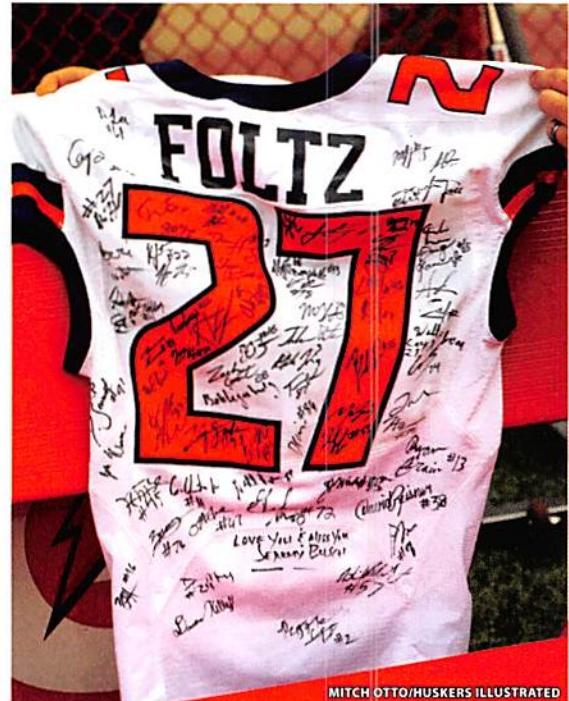


Quoting NU Coach Mike Riley on the play of Terrell Newby against Illinois:



"I think he is quietly one of our better workers, quietly well respected. He's not going to make a lot of noise, but I think everybody does have a lot of respect for him. I think he prepares himself at the top level for his senior year so he's taking advantage of it and when it came down to it today when nobody else was left, he stepped up and played hard and made some great cuts and helped win the game."

Game Notes



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ILLINOIS PAYS TRIBUTE TO FOLTZ

The Illinois football team paid tribute to Sam Foltz before kickoff on Saturday.

Nebraska's special teams unit was presented with a Foltz Illinois jersey as they ran out of the tunnel for pregame warmups.

The No. 27 Foltz Illinois jersey was signed by all of Illinois football team and place-kicker Spencer Lindsay placed the jersey next to Foltz's Husker jersey along the Husker bench.

COLE CONRAD REPLACES KNEVEL

Cole Conrad replaced David Knevel at right tackle in the first half. Part of the reason is Knevel has been dealing with an ankle injury and the other part is Knevel wasn't performing well against the Illinois defense line with that ankle.

"We thought Knevel has been improving, and he has been improving with his ankle all the time," Riley said. "It's better each day, but he struggled. So when he was struggling, we didn't hesitate to put him (Conrad) in the game."

Offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf said he likes the way Conrad approaches the game.

"He's just worked and he doesn't open his mouth and he just goes in there and plays," Langsdorf said.

BLACKSHIRTS FINISH STRONG

Nebraska's late game defense from last season is night and day. The past three games, the defense has been able to close out games in the fourth quarter.

"It was one of the things that we focused on all offseason was finishing," Safety Nate Gerry said.



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Above: Roommates Trey Foster and Tommy Armstrong Jr. look on with concern as trainers attend to Jordan Westerkamp. Left: Illinois presented Nebraska with a special No. 27 Foltz Illinois jersey that their entire team signed. Below: Josh Kalu celebrates a pass break up with Aaron Williams.

"Last year we lost six games or whatever it was to fourth-quarter games, and it was just one of the things we have been focusing on in practice and throughout the offseason was just finishing. I think so far we have."

Effort is the main thing Gerry mentioned when asked what exact things they focused on in the offseason.

"Just effort," Gerry said. "Just one thing we always talk about, being a defensive guy, you do not have to know anything as long as you hustle to the ball and do your best effort, that is all you can ask for."

ILLINOIS OPTS TO PUNT

Many questioned Illinois Head Coach Lovie Smith's decision to punt with ball on fourth and 1 at his own 34-yard down by eight. The Illinois defense just came off the field after a 10:42 drive by the Husker offense.

Smith said he wasn't worried if the defense was tired or not.

"I wouldn't have done that if I was worried about that. I thought that gave us the best chance to win under those circumstances."

Smith went on to say if he had the decision again he would make the same call.

"There were three minutes left to go in the game with three timeouts. You stop them and get the ball back with over two minutes left to go and the clock stops

every first down so there was no decision with that to make that call. A part of that was getting them stopped though."

After Nebraska took over after the punt, Newby took the second play 63 yards for a touchdown.

Nebraska dominated time of possession in the fourth quarter. The Husker offense had the ball for 11:04 compared to Illinois 3:56.

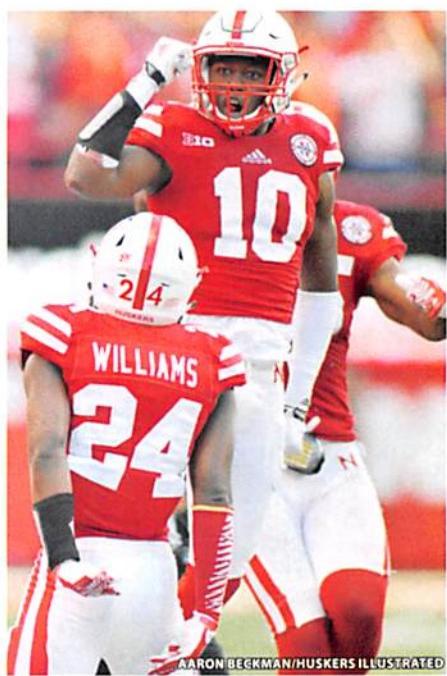
"The one thing that I felt like was that they hardly had the ball in the second half," Riley said. "I thought that was good." his ankle in the second half and did not return.

HUSKERS READY FOR A BYE WEEK

Nebraska's bye week couldn't have come at a better time, especially on offense. After already missing Alonzo Moore (shoulder) and Tanner Farmer (ankle) in Saturday's game, the Huskers lost a handful of players to injury throughout the game.

Tight end Cethan Carter (left arm), Jordan Westerkamp (unknown), David Knevel (ankle) and Devine Ozigbo (ankle) left Saturday's game and did not return.

"The status of Carter is that he hurt his elbow," Head Coach Mike Riley said. "I don't know how long that will mean to him being out. They took Westerkamp to the hospital to make sure they checked everything out on him. We don't know



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more on that yet. Ozigbo has an ankle sprain, and that should be okay. Summarizing and looking at our team, and watching that take place today appears to be a really good time for a bye week."

Ozigbo got injured early in the second quarter, which was the main reason Terrell Newby carried the load in the second half.

"I knew I'd kind of have to carry the load from then on when I saw Devine with an ankle injury, but I accepted it and do everything in my power to get the victory," Newby said.

Nebraska 31, Illinois 16



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Clockwise from above: De'Mornay Pierson-El returns a punt early in the third-quarter that gave NU golden field position in Illinois territory. However, NU fumbled and Illinois recovered. Dedrick Young chases down an Illinois player for a tackle. Luke McNitt makes a special teams tackle for the Huskers.



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MITCH OTTO/HUSKERS ILLUSTRATED

Clockwise from above: Owen Beach of Omaha had quite the first Husker game to celebrate his first birthday on Saturday. Tommy Armstrong Jr. somehow got off a lob pass to tight end Sam Cotton (84), who made an acrobatic catch to keep NU's drive alive.

2Minute Drill

LEARNING ON THE FLY
**CARLOS DAVIS ADJUSTS
TO STARTING ROLE**



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Compiled by Kevin Houck

When John Parrella was hired as Nebraska's new defensive line coach in the offseason he knew the task he was facing.

The only returning starter from the season before was defensive end Freedom Akinmoladun but even then Freedom was adjusting to the switch from tight end.

Ross Dzuris and Kevin Maurice played backup roles who were moving into starting positions. Mick Stoltenberg is the most athletic of all of the linemen but still is very raw.

"John is a real detailed teacher in what we're doing out there," Head Coach Mike Riley said. "I think that combination is great. I think you see a real vibrant room. I love it. I think these guys stay hungry, they stay on an edge, he doesn't ever let them relax. That part of growing, I think that's a really, really important part of learning and getting better, it's really an important part of the season. You've got to do that within your team if you're going to have a good year. So you need that continual push, and there can't be any staying just satisfied with what's going on, and I don't think John will ever let them do that."

So when Stoltenberg underwent arthroscopic knee surgery after the Fresno State game, Parrella had to rely on redshirt freshman Carlos Davis in the starting role.

Davis's first game in a backup role came against Fresno State and now he was thrust into the starting role a week later. Two different scenarios Davis quickly understood after his first-career start against Wyoming.

"You got to come out more prepared instead of coming off the bench," Davis said. "You're expected to start the tone right then and there instead of coming off the bench and trying to make some stuff happen."

Davis was on the bubble last year to burn his redshirt. He traveled with the team to Miami and Illinois in case depth on an already thin defensive line became worse. Davis said those trips helped him prepare for his first road start at Northwestern.

"I kind of knew the routine so I knew what I had to do coming in," Davis said. "It was different. The crowd made it feel like it was a home but it was fun. I enjoyed it."

Even though Davis was an injury away from playing last season, he's glad he never stepped onto the football field until this year.

"In my mind I thought I was but I wasn't ready," Davis said.

The mental aspect of the game is what Davis is still adjusting to four games into his Husker career.

"Just being confident out there and knowing I can play with those guys," Davis said. "Just trusting in myself."

Parrella's motto to the defensive line is to get two-percent better every day. A motto that Davis is still striving to maintain.

"Somedays are better than others but as long as you do something to improve you're going to get better," Davis said. "We live by that."

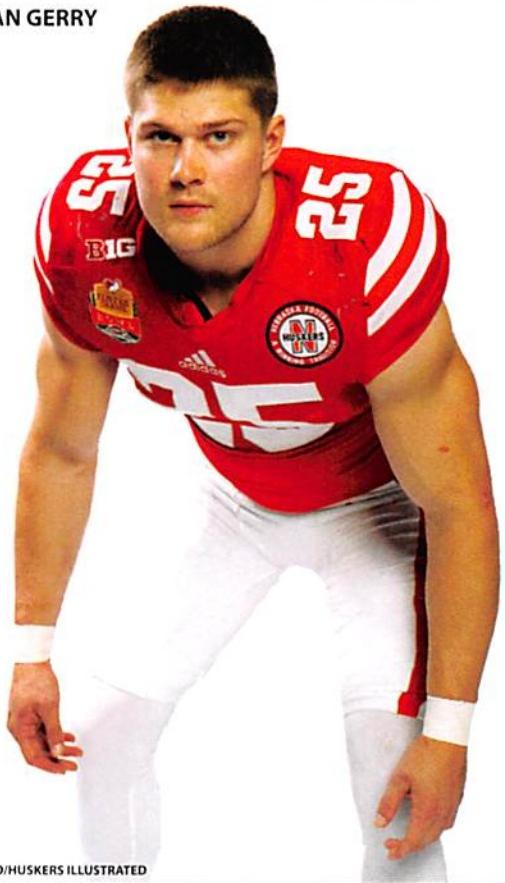
Davis admits he's not always exact on what he is sup-

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HI'S TOP 5

CAREER TACKLES
BY A NEBRASKA
DEFENSIVE BACK

NATHAN GERRY



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1	Mike Brown <i>Safety, 1996-99</i>	287
2	Nathan Gerry <i>Safety, 2013- Present</i>	228
3	Daniel Bullocks <i>Safety, 2002-05</i>	226
4	Larry Asante <i>Safety, 2007-09</i>	224
5	Tyrone Byrd <i>Safety, 1989-92</i>	209



Nebraska's three Heisman Trophy winners Johnny Rodgers, Mike Rozier and Eric Crouch were all in attendance at Saturday's Illinois f



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all game. The trio appeared on the BTN Tailgate Show before the game and were recognized at the stadium during a break in the action.

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posed to do each play but if that is the case Parrella wants them to play as fast as they can.

"They're playing hard every single day, every single game and that's never a question," Parrella said. "If it is (a question) you're not going to play here. We're 1000 miles-per-hour or you're not seeing the field. I think they hold each other accountable I don't really have to say much to them."

Last season, the Huskers had defensive tackles Vincent Valentine and Maliek Collins to handle inside the trenches but both are now starters in the NFL. Davis said Collins took him under his wing last season for when this opportunity arose.

"Maliek was a big influence on me last year I stay around those guys a lot," Davis said. "He talked to me during the year and kind of told me how it was going to play out so seeing him in the NFL is kind of crazy. One thing he told me was to just play hard. Even if you're going to mess up go all out."

Now after seeing limited snaps against Oregon and Northwestern, Stoltenberg will be slotted back into the starting defensive tackle position alongside Maurice. With Davis earning Stoltenbergs snaps while he was out the defensive line has created more depth and experience for Big Ten play.

Parrella said he likes where the defensive lines at from when he arrived on campus but they have a long ways to go before reaching where they want to be.

"They're coming together," Parrella said. "I mean everyday is a learning process for them and obviously we're 4-0. People like to see that but everyday is a quest to get better. We're pleased with them absolutely but we got to keep getting better. If we want to go where we want to go we have to keep getting better."

ARMSTRONG JR. EARNS BIG TEN HONOR

Quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for his performance against Northwestern.

Armstrong accounted for 378 yards of total offense in the win. He threw for 246 yards and a touchdown while add-



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Tommy Armstrong Jr. runs with the ball against Illinois.

ing 132 yards on the ground.

"It means a lot. It means our offense did a great job," Armstrong said. "I couldn't have gotten that award without my teammates and great blocking by our receivers and our offensive line blocking their tails off. It is not only for me, it is for those guys that did a great job to get me the things I did to deserve that. They did a great job as a unit, as an offense. So that means a lot but at the same time we have just got to keep moving forward and keeping driving and feeding off of that."

The honor marked the third Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week award in his career.

WILLIAMS RETURNS TO SIDELINES

After serving his four game suspension, wide receivers coach Keith Williams will be back on the sideline against Illinois.

Williams spoke with the media following Wednesday's practice for the first time since he read his written statement shortly after his DUI arrest in August.

Williams was suspended until Sept. 1 from all team activities and then was suspended the first four games of the

season.

"I'm happy to be back," Williams said. "Obviously it was tough not being around. That whole process was really tough, so I'm ecstatic to be back."

Players weren't able to ask Williams questions on the fly during games as he was not allowed near the field or in the locker room on game days. Wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp said Williams presence will be huge for the receiving group.

"That'll be huge," wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp said. "It's obviously been different the first four games without him but we are right where we want to be at 4-0. It's going to be awesome to have him on the sideline during games though."

Williams said he watched the first three games in his office by himself and then traveled with the team to Northwestern. But as the team left for the stadium, Williams headed home to Lincoln.

"Not good," Williams said about how he felt not being on the sideline. "It's what you would think it is. It was a stressful situation, but I brought it on myself. So you move forward and you make it right."

Through the first four games, Wil-



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Michael Rose-Ivey and Kevin Maurice bring down Illinois running back Reggie Corbin.

liams would go over game film in team meetings the following week after games. Receivers admitted Williams was tough them when watching film but Williams said he wasn't "extra tough" on guys in frustration that he couldn't be on the field.

"Just corrections based on the situation but it wasn't extra tough because of the situation," Williams said. "It was tough if it was deserving."

The receivers could be referring to the Huskers first game against Fresno State. Riley said after the game the receiving group didn't play well as a whole. Receivers were coming out of the huddle wrong, they were lining up wrong and didn't finish downfield blocks.

Williams said the situation could have played part.

"There was some frustration there," Williams said. "I think the situation may have threw them off a little bit with me not being on the sideline the first game. But like I said, we talked about it the next day, the days after and we got it right."

Graduate assistant Hardie Buck took over the in game coaching duties at wide receiver in Williams absence.

"He did awesome," Williams said. "Buck's the man. We couldn't have asked for better. He did awesome."

Williams gave thanks to all the support he received from the university, athletic department, Nebraska coaches, and the Husker fan base. His message to his players is the same message he wrote in his written statement last time he spoke to the media.

"You're responsible for every one of your decisions," Williams said. "Even if you've made 99 good ones, every decision is independent. The things that you do, you're responsible for them, no matter who you are."

In light of the situation, Riley joked that if they don't beat Illinois Williams time on the sidelines would be short lived.

"I told him today we better win, otherwise he's going back in the box," Riley said. "I think it's going to be great to have Keith back, that was a hard, no-good situation. I think we've been through the consequences of that, so we're excited to have him back now, full-fledged into the practices, the games, and the whole part. It'll be real good for the Huskers to have him back."

western game to show support against police brutality.

Rose-Ivey orchestrated the protest. He talked to Head Coach Mike Riley after the team dinner on Friday night and talked to the team about his reasoning Saturday morning before walkthroughs.

During Monday's press conference, Rose-Ivey issued a statement for the media before moving onto football questions only.

"First off, I want to say my name is Michael Rose-Ivey. I'm a student-athlete at the University of Nebraska and I want to thank Coach (Mike) Riley, the administration and this university for allowing me to step out and speak on my beliefs on my own behalf," Rose-Ivey said. "I want to thank you guys for being here and listening to me. As everyone is aware, this past Saturday before the game against Northwestern DaiShon Neal, Mohamed Barry and myself kneeled in solidarity with Colin Kaepernick and many other athletes across the country. Those professional and unprofessional who are standing together to use their various platforms to bring awareness about police brutality and the recent deaths of black men and women at the hands of police officers. While the anthem played, I prayed along with DaiShon and Mohamed. We asked God

ROSE-IVEY ISSUES STATEMENT

Linebackers Michael Rose-Ivey and Mohamed Barry and defensive end Daishon Neal kneeled before the North-

to watch over us and protect us, and to look down on this country with grace and mercy and to look down on all of us with grace and mercy.

"You see, we are not perfect beings. 2 Corinthians 3:5 says 'Not that we are sufficient in our own selves to claim anything as coming from us but sufficiency is from God.' As we looked at what has been going on in this country the injustice has been taken place primarily against people of color and we all realize there is a systematic problem in America that needs to be addressed. We felt it was our duty to step up and join the chorus of athletes in the NFL, WNBA, college and high school using their platforms to highlight these issues. We did this understanding the implications of these actions, but what we didn't expect was the enormous amount of racially hateful comments we received from friends, peers, fans, members of the media and others about the method of protest. While you may disagree with the method, these reactions to it further underscore the need for this protest and gives us just a small glimpse into the persistent problems of race in this country and the divisive mentality of some Americans. To make it clear, I am not anti-police, anti-military, nor anti-America. I love my country deeply and appreciate the freedoms it professes to afford me..."

BIG TEN TO USE SPECIAL FOLTZ COIN FOR ALL GAMES

The Big Ten will honor the memory of Sam Foltz and Michigan State punter Mike Sadler with a special commemorative coin this Saturday across all seven Big Ten Conference games.

This weekend marks the first full slate of seven Big Ten Conference games. Officials and captains will use the commemorative flipping coin to honor the lives of Foltz and Sadler. The coin was developed collaboratively by representatives from Nebraska, Michigan State, the Foltz and Sadler families and the Big Ten Conference.

After this weekend, it will be up to each of the 14 Big Ten institutions discretion to continue using the coin, or to use the traditional Nile Kinnick Big Ten Coin. Nebraska plans to use the com-



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Corey Whitaker played the majority of snaps for Tanner Farmer on Saturday.

memorative Foltz-Sadler coin at the remainder of its 2016 home games at Memorial Stadium.

Foltz and Sadler died tragically in a car crash on July 23, after attending a kicking camp in Wisconsin. Both of these young men left an indelible mark on their teams and schools and positively impacted the lives of those around them. Nebraska is honoring the memory of Foltz in many ways throughout the season, including wearing a SF27 sticker on its helmets.

TWO HUSKERS OUT AGAINST ILLINOIS

Head Coach Mike Riley announced wide receiver Alonzo Moore and right guard Tanner Farmer are out for Saturday's game against Illinois.

Moore has been dealing with a shoulder injury for the past two weeks and has been limited throughout practices. He reaggravated the injury in the first half of the Northwestern game.

"He has played two games like that, so our initial thing is let's just get him healthy so he doesn't have to play like that," Riley said. "He still does a good job, and I wouldn't rule him out totally. But our inclination is to get him healthy."

Farmer suffered a high ankle sprain in the second half against Northwestern. Farmer did not return in the game.

With the bye week after Illinois, Riley said it would be best to sit them out and have those two weeks of recovery.

Corey Whitaker will replace Farmer at the right guard position and walk-on Cole Conrad will be the top back-up option for all five spots on the offensive front.

"Cole Conrad has to be ready to go," offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh said. "Tackle, and guard, and center. He's the next guy up."

The Fremont, Neb. native spent most of his first two seasons in Lincoln working primarily at tackle, but Cavanaugh said Conrad has taken practice reps at all three positions on the line. Conrad is also on the Huskers special teams unit.

As to who is behind Conrad if any more injuries happen, Riley said that's a good question.

"That's a real good question because we are moving Boe Wilson back into this picture a little bit, so he'll be in there. Jalin Barnett, who's been hurt a little bit in practice, he'll move back into that picture," Riley said. "We're getting kind of thin there, we lost two scout players as a matter of fact, so our offensive line depth is not great."

Hometown Huskers

Sam Cotton continues family's Nebraska tradition

Story by Kevin Houck • Photo by Mitch Otto

SAM COTTON KNOWS the Husker tradition. His family bloodlines run deep into the Husker program.

His father, Barney, played for the Huskers from 1975-78 and was an assistant coach for eight years at Nebraska. His oldest brother, Ben, played tight end from 2008-12 and second oldest brother, Jake, played on the offensive line from 2010-14.

When Bo Pelini was fired after the 2014 season so was his father after eight years as a Husker coach.

Cotton said it took sometime to adjust to the reality of the situation.

"That was really tough," Cotton said. "A lot of guys took it pretty hard because they fell in love with that last coaching staff and for me I took it a lot harder than everybody else."

"Not only did I love that old coaching staff but that's my dad. You kind of feel like with these new guys coming in they're going to take my dad's job and it was really hard not to resent the new coaching staff. But talking with my family and my dad especially, he really mentored me on how to handle it, give these new guys a chance and I am really happy I did."

After growing up in Lincoln, his family moved west before the start of the 2015 season.

Barney accepted the offensive coordinator position at UNLV and his brother Ben is also a graduate assistant for the Rebels.

Cotton said his family moving hit him

the hardest out of all the news.

"I am a family guy and I like having my family close," Cotton said. "So that was hard to adjust to."

After a disappointing first year with the new coaching staff, the team settled in, realized their potential and focused on what the coaches wanted to teach the team. Leaning on each position coaches input, players took the off-season to focus on their weaknesses.

For Cotton his focus was on his speed.

"I think the biggest thing for me personally was developing my speed," Cotton said. "I have always been confident as a blocker and I have always been confident in my hands. To really develop my speed this summer was big."

A year later, Cotton's happiness has ~~came~~ back around.

He's especially taken a liking to his tight ends coach Tavita Thompson, who replaced his father at the position.

"He's been awesome. The knowledge he has when it comes to every piece of the game is pretty amazing," Cotton said. "Whether it's a technique on a block, to the coverage that we're looking at or how to run the route well it really shows the way he has developed us."

Listening to the coaches put Cotton in the right place. He may be behind Cethan Carter on the depth chart but offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf has quickly realized the versatility Cotton can have.

"He is a good player. He runs good routes," Langsdorf said. "We talk a lot about Cethan. Sam's kind of the on the line tight end and Cethan's the off the line, move guy when they're in the game but there are plays for Sam too."

After the feeling of losing his family from the program in 2014, Cotton's understood that things change in the program and his football family never left him.

"I am pretty happy with my career here. I want to finish it out the right way and I am definitely happy with the camaraderie that we have here. It just kind of feels like my family," Cotton said.





2016 HUSKER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



Date	Opponent	Location	Results
Sat, Sep 03	Fresno State	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 10	Wyoming	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 17	Oregon	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Sep 24	Northwestern *	at Evanston, Ill.	-
Sat, Oct 01	Illinois *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Oct 15	Indiana *	at Bloomington, Ind.	-
Sat, Oct 22	Purdue *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Oct 29	Wisconsin *	at Madison, Wis.	-
Sat, Nov 05	Ohio State *	at Columbus, Ohio	-
Sat, Nov 12	Minnesota *	Memorial Stadium	-
Sat, Nov 19	Maryland *	Memorial Stadium	-
Fri, Nov 25	Iowa *	at Iowa City, Iowa	-

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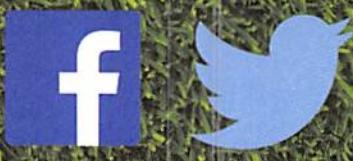
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1	Lamar Jackson	DB	6-3	195	Fr.	Elk Grove, Calif. (Franklin)	41	Luke McNitt	FB	6-2	240	Jr.	Kearney, Neb. (Nebraska-Kearney)(Kearney)
1	Jordan Westerkamp	WR	6-0	200	Sr.	Lombard, Ill. (Montini Catholic)	42	Trey Foster	TE	6-2	250	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
2	Tony Butler	DB	6-2	195	Fr.	Lakewood, Ohio (St. Edward)	43	Tyrin Ferguson	LB	6-2	225	So.	New Orleans, La. (Edna Karr)
2	Zack Darlington	WR	6-2	195	So.	Apopka, Fla. (Apopka)	43	Todd Honas	WR	5-11	200	Fr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
3	Lavan Alston Jr.	WR	6-0	175	RFr.	Oxnard, Calif. (St. Bonaventure)	44	Mitch McCann	FB	6-0	240	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)
3	Marcus Newby	LB	6-1	235	Jr.	North Potomac, Md. (Quince Orchard)	44	Mick Stoltenberg	DL	6-5	290	So.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
4	Avery Anderson	S	6-0	185	RFr.	Surprise, Ariz. (Pine Creek (Colorado Springs))	45	Ty Chaffin	WR	6-5	200	Fr.	Burwell, Neb. (Burwell)
4	Tommy Armstrong Jr.	QB	6-1	220	Sr.	Cibolo, Texas (Steele)	45	A.J. Natter	DE	6-5	260	Jr.	Milton, Wis. (Milton)
5	Dedrick Young II	LB	6-1	220	So.	Peoria, Ariz. (Centennial)	47	Branden Hohenstein	TE	6-4	205	Fr.	Jackson, Neb. (Bishop Heelan)
6	Eric Lee Jr.	CB	6-0	190	RFr.	Milton, Mass. (Valor Christian (Colorado))	47	Matt Jarzynka	DE	6-4	255	So.	Loup City, Neb. (Loup City)
7	Mohamed Barry	LB	6-1	220	RFr.	Grayson, Ga. (Grayson)	48	Erik Evans	DE	6-3	255	Jr.	Waverly, Neb. (Waverly)
8	Chris Jones	CB	6-0	185	Jr.	Jacksonville, Fla. (Sandalwood)	49	Austin Hemphill	FB	6-0	220	RFr.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
8	Stanley Morgan Jr.	WR	6-1	200	So.	New Orleans, La. (St. Augustine)	49	Chris Weber	LB	6-3	230	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)
9	DaiShon Neal	DE	6-7	270	RFr.	Houston, Texas (Omaha Central)	50	Garret Johns	DL	6-0	285	Sr.	Aurora, Neb. (Aurora)
9	Keyan Williams	WR	5-10	195	So.	New Orleans, La. (Fresno State) (Lusher)	50	John Raridon	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	West Des Moines, Iowa (Valley)
10	Joshua Kalu	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	Houston, Texas (Alief Taylor)	51	Jared Brugmann	LB	6-2	235	RFr.	Gretna, Neb. (Gretna)
10	JD Spielman	WR	5-9	180	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn. (Eden Prairie)	52	Josh Banderas	LB	6-3	240	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
11	Cethan Carter	TE	6-4	240	Sr.	New Orleans, La. (Archbishop Rummel)	53	Alex Boryca	LB	6-2	220	So.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)
11	Boaz Joseph	CB	6-1	190	Jr.	Weston, Fla. (Cypress Bay)	54	Creighton Hamik	LB	6-3	210	Fr.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)
12	Luke Gifford	LB	6-3	230	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)	54	Jordan Ober	LS	6-1	205	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
12	Patrick O'Brien	QB	6-4	230	Fr.	San Juan Capistrano, Calif. (San Juan Hills)	54	Robby Painter	OL	6-5	300	Sr.	Centennial, Colo. (Grandview)
13	JoJo Domann	DB	6-1	205	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Pine Creek)	55	Kevin Maurice	DT	6-3	300	Sr.	Orlando, Fla. (Freedom)
13	Tanner Lee	QB	6-4	205	Jr.	Destrehan, La. (Tulane) (Jesuit)	56	Brad Simpson	LB	6-0	230	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Ralston)
14	Kyle Kasun	DB	6-0	180	RFr.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista South)	56	Boe Wilson	OL	6-3	295	Fr.	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
15	De'Mornay Pierson-El	WR	5-9	185	Jr.	Alexandria, Va. (West Potomac)	57	Jacob Weinmaster	LB	6-0	215	RFr.	Loveland, Colo. (Loveland)
15	Michael Rose-Ivey	LB	6-0	230	So.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)	58	Joel Lopez	DL	6-2	280	Jr.	Saint Charles, Ill. (Burlington Central)
16	Antonio Reed	S	6-2	220	So.	Memphis, Tenn. (Southaven (Miss.))	58	Corey Whitaker	OL	6-5	295	Sr.	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta)
17	Ryker Fyfe	QB	6-3	215	Sr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Grand Island)	59	Brody Cleveland	LB	6-2	225	RFr.	Ogallala, Neb. (Ogallala)
17	Sedrick King	DE	6-4	250	So.	Plant City, Fla. (Plant City)	61	Bryan Brokop	OL	6-5	275	Fr.	New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way West)
18	Tre Bryant	IB	5-11	200	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers College)	62	Cole Conrad	OL	6-5	305	So.	Fremont, Neb. (Archbishop Bergan)
19	Marquel Dismuke	DB	6-2	180	Fr.	Calabasas, Calif. (Calabasas)	63	Tanner Farmer	OL	6-4	295	So.	Highland, Ill. (Highland)
21	Charles Jackson	DB	5-11	180	Sr.	Spring, Texas (Klein Collins)	65	Christian Gaylord	OL	6-6	300	RFr.	Baldwin City, Kan. (Baldwin City)
21	Mikale Wilbon	IB	5-9	195	So.	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)	66	Dylan Utter	OL	6-1	295	Sr.	Papillion, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista)
22	Alex Davis	DE	6-5	255	RFr.	Riviera Beach, Fla. (Dwyer)	67	Jerald Foster	OL	6-3	310	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
22	Devine Ozigbo	IB	5-11	230	So.	Sachse, Texas (Sachse)	68	Nick Gates	OL	6-5	290	So.	Las Vegas, Nev. (Bishop Gorman)
23	Dicaprio Bootle	DB	5-10	180	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Southridge)	71	Matt Farniok	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington)
23	Austin Rose	IB	6-1	225	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (North Star)	72	Zach Hannon	OL	6-5	315	Jr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Rockhurst)
24	Aaron Williams	S	5-11	185	So.	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver)	73	Sam Hahn	OL	6-7	300	Sr.	DeWitt, Neb. (No. Dakota St.) (Tri-County)
25	Nathan Gerry	S	6-2	220	So.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (Washington)	74	Jalin Barnett	OL	6-4	310	RFr.	Lawton, Okla. (Lawton)
26	Thomas Connely	LB	5-11	220	So.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney Catholic)	75	Fynn Anderson	DL	6-3	260	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
26	Brady Pelzer	WR	5-11	185	So.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue East)	76	Dwayne Johnson Jr.	OL	6-6	300	Jr.	Houston, Texas (Bellaire)
26	Jamie Sutcliffe	PK	6-2	190	Sr.	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Utah/Pierce College) (Thousand Oaks)	76	Dylan Owen	DL	6-5	240	So.	Westchester, N.Y. (Bridgton Academy) (Somers)
26	Kieron Williams	S	6-1	195	Jr.	Shreveport, La. (Air Force Prep) (C.E. Byrd)	77	David Knevel	OL	6-9	315	Jr.	Brantford, Ontario, Canada (Pauline Johnson Collegiate)
27	Sam Foltz	P	6-2	205	Sr.	Greeley, Neb. (Grand Island)	79	Michael Decker	OL	6-4	285	RFr.	Omaha, Neb. (North)
28	Eli Sullivan	DB	6-2	190	Fr.	Longmont, Colo. (Longmont)	80	Brett Classen	WR	6-2	205	Jr.	Medina, Minn. (Winona State) (Wayzata)
28	Adam Taylor	IB	6-2	210	Jr.	Katy, Texas (Katy)	81	Gabe Rahn	WR	6-1	195	Jr.	Le Mars, Iowa (Le Mars)
29	Nolan Graham	DB	5-11	200	So.	Firth, Neb. (Norris)	82	Alonzo Moore	WR	6-2	195	Sr.	Winnfield, La. (Winnfield Senior)
29	Graham Nabity	IB	6-1	210	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Elkhorn)	83	David Engelhardt	TE	6-3	230	Fr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
30	Quayshon Alexander	LB	6-3	235	Fr.	Prospect Park, N.J. (De Paul Catholic)	83	Bryan Reimers	WR	6-5	210	So.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln East)
30	Bo Kitrell	FB	6-1	225	So.	Ashland, Neb. (Ashland-Greenwood)	84	Sam Cotton	TE	6-5	250	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast)
31	Greg Simmons	LB	6-2	240	Fr.	Fort Pierce, Fla. (Fort Pierce Central)	85	Matt Snyder	TE	6-5	255	RFr.	San Ramon, Calif. (California)
31	Conor Young	WR	6-2	170	RFr.	Cozad, Neb. (Cozad)	86	Jack Stoll	TE	6-4	235	Fr.	Lone Tree, Colo. (Regis Jesuit)
32	Tanner Hass	RB	6-0	195	Fr.	West Point, Neb. (Guardian Angels)	87	Brandon Reilly	WR	6-2	200	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Southwest)
32	Pernell Jefferson	LB	6-2	225	Fr.	New Orleans, La. (Warren Easton)	88	Ross Dzuris	DE	6-3	255	Sr.	Plattsmouth, Neb. (Plattsmouth)
33	Christian Bailey	WR	6-0	205	Jr.	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente)	88	Tyler Hopkes	TE	6-4	240	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Wayne St.) (Southwest)
33	Tanner Zlab	DB	5-10	195	Sr.	Wilber, Neb. (Doane) (Wilber-Clatonia)	89	Connor Ketter	TE	6-5	245	Jr.	Norfolk, Neb. (Norfolk Catholic)
34	Drew Brown	PK	5-11	195	Jr.	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll)	91	Freedom Akinmoladun	DE	6-4	255	So.	Grandview, Mo. (Grandview)
34	Terrell Newby	IB	5-10	200	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Chaminade)	92	Chase Urbach	LS	6-3	200	RFr.	Grosse Pointe, Mich. (Grosse Pointe South)
35	Caleb Lightbourn	P/PK	6-3	220	Fr.	Washougal, Wash. (Camas)	94	Khalil Davis	DT	6-2	290	RFr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)
35	Jeremiah Stovall	DB	5-11	175	RFr.	Omaha, Neb. (Creighton Prep)	95	Spencer Lindsay	PK	5-9	210	Sr.	Kearney, Neb. (Kearney)
36	Spencer Jordan	FB	6-2	215	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	95	Ben Stille	DE	6-5	240	Fr.	Ashland, Neb. (Ashland-Greenwood)
36	Reid Karel	DB	6-3	205	RFr.	Seward, Neb. (Seward)	96	Carlos Davis	DT	6-2	295	Fr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)
37	Wyatt Mazour	IB	5-9	190	RFr.	Albion, Neb. (Boone Central)	97	Logan Rath	DT	6-4	280	Sr.	Giltner, Neb. (So. Dakota St.) (Giltner)
38	Harrison Jordan	FB	5-10	230	Jr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	98	Isaac Armstrong	P	5-11	195	RFr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Kearney) (Southwest)
39	Donovan McDonald	WR	5-11	175	RFr.	Montclair, N.J. (Fork Union Military Academy) (Montclair)	98	Collin Miller	DE	6-3	235	Fr.	Fishers, Ind. (Hamilton Southeastern)
39	Jordan Nelson	IB	5-8	180	Sr.	Omaha, Neb. (Burke)	99	Peyton Newell	DT	6-3	290	So.	Hiawatha, Kan. (Hiawatha)
40	Ty Betka	WR	5-7	165	Sr.	Superior, Neb. (Drake)	99	Jake Kitten	OL	6-2	290	Fr.	Santee, Calif. (Santa)
40	Grant Jordan	LB	6-2	205	Fr.	Omaha, Neb. (Westside)	99	Sean Lambert	IB	6-0	200	Fr.	Fremont, Neb. (Fremont)
41	Noah Johnson	IB	6-0	210	RFr.	Sutton, Neb. (Sutton)	99	Ne'Land Smith	WR	6-3	190	Fr.	Blue Springs, Mo. (Blue Springs)



2016 SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	Fla. International	W, 34-13
Sept. 10	Ball State	W, 30-20
Sept. 24	Wake Forest	L, 33-28
Oct. 1	Michigan State	W, 24-21 (OT)
Oct. 8	@ Ohio State	
Oct. 15	Nebraska	
Oct. 22	@ Northwestern	
Oct. 29	Maryland	
Nov. 5	@ Rutgers	
Nov. 12	Penn State	
Nov. 19	@ Michigan	
Nov. 26	Purdue	

2015 RESULTS (6-7, 2-6)

Southern Illinois	W, 48-47
Florida International	W, 36-22
Western Kentucky	W, 38-35
@ Wake Forest	W, 31-24
Ohio State	L, 34-27
@ Penn State	L, 29-7
Rutgers	L, 55-52
@ Michigan State	L, 52-26
Iowa	L, 35-27
Michigan	L, 48-41 (2OT)
@ Maryland	W, 47-28
@ Purdue	W, 54-36
Duke*	L, 44-41 (OT)

* Pin Stripe Bowl

COACH KEVIN WILSON

Wilson is in his sixth year at Indiana and is averaging 4 wins and 8 losses per season. But last season, he guided the Hoosiers to a 6-7 record, which included their first bowl game since 2007. Under his tutelage, Indiana football has set 54 school records, including single-season points, total yardage, passing yardage and rushing yardage. A native of North Carolina, the 54-year old Wilson was an offensive lineman for the Tar Heels and later a grad assistant coach. Since then he has been involved as an offensive coach, most notably as the offensive coordinator at Oklahoma from 2002-2010.



Marcus Oliver

Story By Shane G. Gilster • Photos Courtesy of Indiana University Athletics

It has been a long time since Nebraska and Indiana have faced each other. The last time was in 1978 when ESPN football analyst Lee Corso was the head coach for the Hoosiers.

The Huskers have won the last four meetings which were all against Corso-coached teams from 1975 to 1978. But overall Indiana leads the series – 9 wins, 7 losses, 3 ties.

Nebraska is coming off a lackluster performance against Illinois in which they were lucky to come out with a victory. Call it a wake-up call but this Husker team still looks like it has a lot more work to do to become a serious contender in the Big Ten.

With a week off the Huskers now have time to regroup but the Hoosiers will not be an easy opponent as evidence of its upset of No. 17 Michigan State. NU should pull this one out but it won't be like the last time they visited Bloomington.

Prediction: Nebraska 34, Indiana 24

Starters Returning/Lost: 5/6

Offense: Multiple

Outlook: The Hoosiers lost a lot from this unit including its record-setting quarterback, 1,200-yard rusher and offensive tackle who was a second-round NFL Draft

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pick.

But they still have one of the best offensive linemen in the country in senior guard Dan Freeney, who Wilson said is the best blocker he has coached. Unfortunately, Freeney's status for the game against Nebraska is up in the air due to a concussion he suffered in September.

Wilson's offense loves to throw the football and junior college transfer Richard Lagow has been a capable passer. He threw for almost 500 yards against Wake Forest but had five interceptions.

Lagow has some good targets at receiver with Nick Westbrook, Ricky Jones and Mitchell Paige, who is Indiana's version of Nebraska's Jordan Westerkamp.

The Hoosiers would like to develop a running game and may have found an answer in Devine Redding. The junior ran for 100 yards against the stingy Michigan State defense.



Nick Westbrook

His Hoosier defense has a few playmakers to develop that around. Linebackers Marcus Oliver and Tegray Scales are the leading tacklers but others have begun to step up especially in the win against Michigan State, a team they lost to the last seven times.

If the Indiana offense can put up the points, the defense is now capable of holding its own to a certain extent.

Starters Returning/Lost:

7/4

Defense: Multiple

Outlook: Since Wilson has been the head coach, Indiana has been known for its prowess on offense while the defense took a back seat.

This has caused Wilson to hire a new defensive coordinator to help his defensive woes. Tom Allen comes from South Florida where he led the American Athletic Conference's top scoring defense (19.6 points per game).

Allen is hoping to add more of a ball hawking defense that can create turnovers and sacks.

Starters Returning/Lost:

1/1

Defense: 4-3

Outlook: Griffin Oakes is already one of the most prolific kickers in Indiana history. The junior returns as the reigning Big Ten Kicker of the Year. He holds the school record holder of the longest field goal (58 yards). But so far this season he is only 5 of 9 on field goal attempts.

Sophomore Joseph Gedeon is handling the punting duties for the first time and is doing a solid job, hovering around 40 yards per punt.

The return game is in

capable hands with Devonte Williams averaging over 25 yards per kickoff return and Mitchell Page with better than 11 on punt returns.

Did You Know?

That there is no definite explanation to the origin of the nickname Hoosier. Some people think it was meant to mock Indiana as a rough, backwoods and backwards place. Others think that early settlers used the term with pride to describe themselves as a hearty, courageous group. One historian, Jacob Piatt Dunn, even suggested that the word "Hoosier" originally referred to boatmen who lived on the Indiana shore. — *Indiana Historical Society*

Nebraska 69, Indiana 17
Sept. 30, 1978 in Bloomington

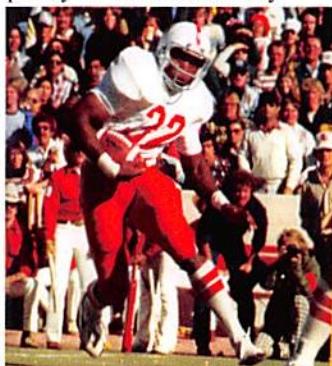
Nebraska concluded its non-conference schedule with a 69-17 drubbing of the Indiana Hoosiers.

This game was over in the first quarter as the 12th-ranked Huskers scored four touch-

downs for a 28-0 lead. NU's rushing offense dominated with 415 yards, scoring eight of their ten touchdowns on the ground. The other two was on a 65-yard pass and a recovered blocked punt in the end zone.

With Nebraska keeping it on the ground most of the game, it was no surprise that the offensive player of the game was one of its running backs. I.M. Hipp ran for 123 yards on 21 carries and scored four touchdowns. All of his scoring runs were nine yards or less.

Hipp's backup Tim Wurth ran for two touchdowns and 95 yards as the NU backs got plenty of work on the day.



I.M. Hipp

Location: Bloomington, Ind.

Enrollment: 48,514

First Year of ftball: 1887

National Championships: 0

Conference Titles: 2

Stadium: Memorial Stadium

Stadium Capacity: 52,929

Nickname: Hoosiers

Colors: Cream and Crimson

2015 Record: 6-7, 2-6

Conference: Big Ten

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2016 FOOTBALL ROSTER



No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr.	Hometown (High School)	No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
1	Cobbs Jr., Simmie	WR	6-4	224	Jr.	Oak Park, Ill. / Oak Park and River Forest	44	Oliver, Marcus	LB	6-1	240	R-Jr.	Hamilton, Ohio / Hamilton
2	Simmons, T.J.	LB	6-0	235	Sr.	Lakeland, Fla. / Lakeland	45	Bolstad, Tom	LB	6-1	220	Fr.	University City, Mo. / John Burroughs
2	Williams, Devonte	RB	5-10	184	R-Fr.	Columbia, Md. / Bullis School	47	McCray III, Robert	DL	6-2	275	Jr.	Rockdale, Ga. / Rockdale County
3	Green, Tyler	DB	6-3	190	So.	Waldorf, Md. / DeMatha Catholic	48	Stringer, Omari	DL	6-4	226	R-Fr.	Crete, Ill. / Crete-Monee
3	Ramsey, Peyton	QB	6-2	208	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Elder	49	Gooch, Greg	DL	6-2	260	Jr.	Longwood, Fla. / Lyman
4	Jones, Ricky	WR	5-10	185	R-Sr.	Sarasota, Fla. / Booker	50	Brown, Joshua	DL	6-0	255	R-Fr.	Hillsborough, N.J. / Hillsborough
5	Gest, Cole	RB	5-8	196	Fr.	Lyndhurst, Ohio / St. Edward	51	Barwick, Jr., Mike	DL	6-0	295	R-So.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Summit Country Day
5	Harris II, J-Shun	WR	5-8	170	R-So.	Fishers, Ind. / Fishers	51	Nworah, Mackenzie	OL	6-4	320	Fr.	Houston, Texas / Manvel
6	Patrick, Camion	RB	6-2	225	R-Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn. / West	52	Love, DaVondre	OL	6-7	315	R-Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. / Affton
6	Walker, Zeke	DB	6-2	215	R-So.	Columbia, S.C. / Brookland-Cayce	54	Cronk, Coy	OL	6-5	293	Fr.	Lafayette, Ind. / Central Catholic
7	Bryant, Khalil	DB	5-10	200	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / First Coast	55	Bowen, Ja'merez	DL	6-4	305	R-So.	Cleveland, Ohio / Shaker Heights
7	Mack, Taysir	WR	6-2	187	Fr.	Brooklyn, N.Y. / Grand Street Campus	56	Stover, Grayson	OL	6-6	300	Fr.	Spring Hill, Fla. / Hudson
8	Scales, Tegray	LB	6-0	230	Jr.	Cincinnati, Ohio / Colerain	58	Dougherty, Patrick	DL	6-5	290	R-Jr.	Aurora, Ohio / Aurora
9	Crawford, Jonathan	DB	6-2	198	So.	Largo, Fla / Largo	59	Trainor, Jack	OL	6-2	315	R-Fr.	Roswell, Ga. / The Marist School
9	Fiacable, Mike	QB	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Bishop Dwenger	60	Robbins, Logan	LS	6-1	215	R-Fr.	Noblesville, Ind. / Noblesville
10	Hale, Donavan	WR	6-4	215	So.	Largo, Fla / Largo	61	Ramacca, Nick	OL	6-2	287	R-Fr.	Bohemia, N.Y. / Connetquot
12	Diamond, Zander	QB	6-1	174	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Venice	62	Knight, Brandon	OL	6-5	297	So.	Noblesville, Ind. / Noblesville
12	Thompson, Jayme	DB	6-2	195	R-Jr.	Toledo, Ohio / Iowa Western C.C.	65	Rogers, Wes	OL	6-4	305	R-Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lawrence Central
13	James, Isaac	WR	5-11	194	R-Fr.	Carmel, Ind. / Carmel	67	Feeney, Dan	OL	6-4	305	R-Sr.	Orland Park, Ill. / Carl Sandburg
14	Brown Jr., Andre	DB	6-0	195	So.	Decatur, Ga. / Columbia	68	Littlejohn, Hunter	OL	6-3	300	R-Fr.	Powell, Ohio / Olentangy Liberty
15	Westbrook, Nick	WR	6-3	215	So.	Lake Mary, Fla. / Lake Mary	69	Everett, Gavin	DL	6-3	245	R-Fr.	Center Grove, Ind. / Center Grove
16	Fant, Rashard	DB	5-10	175	R-Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. / Our Lady of Mercy	70	Bailey, Jacob	OL	6-5	300	R-Sr.	Carmel, Ind. / Cathedral
16	King, Austin	QB	6-2	203	R-Fr.	Alpharetta, Ga. / Alpharetta	71	Baker, Delroy	OL	6-6	305	R-So.	Ocala, Fla. / Admiral Farragut
17	Berry, Justin	WR	6-0	195	Fr.	Charleston, S.C. / West Ashley	72	Stepaniak, Simon	OL	6-4	305	R-Fr.	Hamilton, Ohio / Ross
17	Covington, Chris	LB	6-2	237	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Al Raby	74	Hoff, Nate	DL	6-2	305	R-Jr.	Solon, Ohio / Naval Academy Prep
17	Griffith, Isaac	WR	6-0	185	R-Jr.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Homestead	75	Serrano, Alex	OL	6-3	305	Fr.	Barrington, Ill. / Barrington
18	Bach, Ben	DB	6-1	197	R-Jr.	Wheaton, Ill. / Wheaton-Warrenville South	76	Martin, Wes	OL	6-3	310	R-So.	West Milton, Ohio / Milton-Union
18	Cameron, Danny	QB	6-1	210	R-So.	Baton Rouge, La. / Catholic	77	Camiel, Dimitric	OL	6-7	315	R-Sr.	Houston, Texas / Westfield
19	Fields, Tony	DB	5-11	203	Jr.	Tallahassee, Fla. / Amos P. Godby	80	Thomas, Ian	TE	6-5	248	Jr.	Baltimore, Md. / Digital Harbor
19	Morris, Jonah	WR	6-4	201	Fr.	Akron, Ohio / Archbishop Hoban	81	Fuchs, Jordan	TE	6-6	230	Jr.	Queens, N.Y. / Christ the King
20	Cook Jr., Jameel	DB	6-1	203	So.	Missouri City, Texas / Ridge Point	81	Thornton III, Leon	WR	6-1	198	So.	Lombard, Ill. / Montini Catholic
21	Lagow, Richard	QB	6-6	237	R-Jr.	Plano, Texas / Plano	82	Justus, Logan	K	5-11	178	R-Fr.	McCordsville, Ind. / Mt. Vernon
22	Green, Wesley	DB	5-10	185	R-So.	Lithonia, Ga. / Martin Luther King	82	Timian, Luke	WR	6-0	193	R-So.	Southlake, Texas / Southlake Carroll
23	Rodriguez, Alex	RB	5-10	225	R-So.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lawrence Central	83	Dorris, Austin	TE	6-5	255	R-Fr.	Shadyside, Ohio / Shadyside
24	Majette, Mike	RB	5-11	207	So.	Woodbridge, Va. / Woodbridge Senior	84	Friend, Danny	TE	6-5	265	R-Jr.	Morris, Ill. / Morris Community
25	Padmore, Noel	DB	5-11	180	R-Jr.	Flowery Branch, Ga. / Flowery Branch	85	Watercutter, Ryan	TE	6-2	228	R-So.	Fort Wayne, Ind. / Bishop Dwenger
26	Walton, Kiante	DB	6-2	215	R-So.	Columbus, Ga. / George Washington Carver	86	Gedeon, Joseph	P	6-3	195	R-So.	Columbus, Ind. / Columbus North
27	Jones, Arthur	DB	5-10	195	R-Jr.	Washington D.C. / St. Albans	86	Hawkins, Marqui	WR	6-2	218	R-Jr.	Columbus, Ga. / George Washington Carver
28	Riggins, A'Shon	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	Hamilton, Ohio / Hamilton	87	Meinzer, Calob	K	6-2	209	R-Fr.	Wentzville, Mo. / Christian Brothers College
29	Fletcher, Dawson	LB	6-0	221	R-Sr.	West Chester, Ohio / Lakota West	87	Paige, Mitchell	WR	5-7	180	R-Sr.	Carmel, Ind. / Guerin Catholic
30	Dutra, Chase	DB	6-1	200	R-Jr.	Brownsburg, Ind. / Brownsburg	88	Bonner, Shaun	TE	6-3	245	Fr.	Moultrie, Ga. / Colquitt County
31	Halford, James	LS	6-1	223	R-Sr.	Antioch, Ill. / Carmel Catholic	88	Conrad, Drew	P	6-2	185	Fr.	Greenwood, Ind. / Center Grove
31	Natee, Tyler	RB	6-0	270	Fr.	Euless, Texas / Trinity	89	Benker, Phil	WR	6-2	203	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla. / Sandalwood
33	Brookins, Ricky	WR	5-8	188	R-So.	Terre Haute, Ind. / Terre Haute North	89	Shake, Jake	P	6-0	185	R-So.	Lafayette, Ind. / McCutcheon
34	Henderson, Thomas	DB	5-9	179	R-Fr.	Bloomington, Ind. / Bloomington South	90	Belden, Joe	DL	6-2	260	R-Fr.	Avon, Ind. / Avon
34	Redding, Devine	RB	5-10	208	Jr.	Youngstown, Ohio / Glenville	90	Del Gross, Aaron	K	5-10	200	R-Jr.	Hobart, Ind. / Hobart
35	Sykes, Nile	DL	6-2	250	R-So.	Oak Park, Ill. / Montini Catholic	91	Robinson, Jacob	DL	6-4	285	So.	Westfield, Ind. / Westfield
36	Albomonte, Johnny	DB	5-11	184	R-Fr.	Schererville, Ind. / Andrean	92	Oakes, Griffin	K	5-10	205	R-Jr.	Greenwood, Ind. / Greenwood
38	Attar, Jake	DB	6-1	194	R-Fr.	Frankfort, Ill. / Lincoln-Way East	93	Green III, Ralph	DL	6-5	305	R-Sr.	San Antonio, Texas / Sam Houston
39	Arnold, Kenny	LB	5-11	235	R-So.	Canton, Mich. / Orchard Lake St.	93	Wuthrich, Codey	P	5-11	195	Jr.	Carlsbad, Calif. / Palomar
39	Gajcak, Chris	WR	6-2	190	R-Fr.	Lisle, Ill. / Naperville North	95	Wilson, Brandon	DL	6-3	261	R-Fr.	Winter Garden, Fla. / West Orange
40	Jones, Reakwon	LB	6-2	230	R-Fr.	Lynn Haven, Fla. / A. Crawford Mosley	96	Meminger, Derrian	DL	6-4	290	R-So.	Sparta, Ga. / Hancock Central
41	Newton, Clyde	RB	6-1	230	Sr.	Punta Gorda, Fla. / Charlotte	97	Godsil, Dan	LS	6-4	233	So.	Ottawa, Ohio / Ottawa-Glandorf
42	Ball, Marcelino	DB	6-0	210	Fr.	Roswell, Ga. / Roswell	98	Johnson, Jerome	DL	6-3	300	Fr.	Bassfield, Miss. / Bassfield
43	Willis, Jr., Dameon	LB	6-1	234	R-So.	Cleveland, Ohio / Saint Ignatius	99	Stallings IV, Allen	DL	6-2	226	Fr.	Maywood, Ill. / Oak Park and River Forest

How Nebraska's Opponents Fared in Week Five

Sept. 3

Fresno State (1-4)

UNLV 45, Fresno State 20

UNLV quarterback Dalton Sneed performed well in his first career start. UNLV jumped out to a 21-7 lead at halftime before sealing the game. Dalton threw for a touchdown and rushed for a touchdown in the victory. Fresno State quarterback Chason Virgil threw for 296 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

Sept. 10

Wyoming (3-2)

Wyoming 38, Colorado State 17

Colorado State jumped out to a 14-3 lead before the Cowboys went on a 35-3 run to end the game. Wyoming running back Brian Hill became the Cowboys all-time leading rusher in the second quarter. Hill finished with 166 rushing yards and a touchdown.

Sept. 17

Oregon (2-3)

Washington State 51, Oregon 33

The Cougars, who are known more for the pass game, ended up rushing for 280 yards and six touchdowns for the victory to send the Ducks for their third-straight loss. Washington State quarterback Luke Falk provided for the Cougars through the air too though. Falk finished with 392 passing yards and a touchdown.

Sept. 24

Northwestern (2-3)

Northwestern 38, Iowa 31

Both teams traded punches all day but Northwestern came up with the big play to pick up its first conference win. Cornerback Trae Williams picked off Iowa quarterback CJ Beathard at the Northwestern 36-yard line with 1:05 left in the game to seal the victory. Northwestern running back Justin Jackson finished with 171 yards on the ground and a touchdown.

Oct. 15

Indiana (3-1)

Indiana 24, Michigan State 21

Michigan State quarterback Tyler O'Connor tied the game with a two-yard touchdown pass to tight end Josiah Price with 11 seconds left in the fourth quarter to send the game to overtime. The Spartans' first possession of overtime ended with a 49-yard missed field goal. The Spartan defense stopped Indiana to force a 33-yard field goal. The Hoosiers missed the field goal but a running into the kicker penalty gave Indiana a first down, which led to a game-winning 20-yard field goal for the win.

Oct. 22

Purdue (2-2)

Maryland 50, Purdue 7

First-year head coach DJ Durkin notched his first Big Ten Conference victory as Maryland remains undefeated. The Terra-

pin defense sacked Purdue quarterback David Blough six times and amassed 400 rushing yards on the day. Running back Ty Johnson ran for 204 yards and two touchdowns. Maryland has scored 173 points in its first four games which is a school record.

Oct. 29

Wisconsin (4-1)

Michigan 14, Wisconsin 7

With the game tied at 7-7, Michigan quarterback Wilton Speight threw a tie-breaking 46-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Amara Darboh with 7:56 left in the game and then cornerback Jourdan Lewis intercepted Wisconsin quarterback Alex Hornibrook with just over two minutes left to seal the victory. Speight threw for 219 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

Nov. 5

Ohio State (4-0)

Ohio State 58, Rutgers 0

The Buckeye defense certainly held their ground. Rutgers punted on 10 of its 12 offensive possessions. The other two possessions ended the first half and was a turnover on downs. Quarterback JT Barrett broke the Ohio State all-time passing touchdown record with his third touchdown pass of the game in the third quarter. Barrett finished with 238 yards passing and four touchdowns.

Nov. 12

Minnesota (3-1)

Penn State 29, Minnesota 23

Minnesota kicked a go-ahead 37-yard field goal with 54 seconds left but Penn State drove and kicked a 40-yard field goal with two seconds left to force overtime. Penn State running back Saquon Barkley scored on a 25-yard run on the first offensive play of overtime to beat Minnesota. Both teams combined for seven field goals in the game. Barkley finished with 63 rushing yards.

Nov. 19

Maryland (4-0)

Maryland 50, Purdue 7

First-year head coach DJ Durkin notched his first Big Ten Conference victory as Maryland remains undefeated. The Terrapin defense sacked Purdue quarterback David Blough six times and amassed 400 rushing yards on the day. Running back Ty Johnson ran for 204 yards and two touchdowns. Maryland has scored 173 points in its first four games which is a school record.

Nov. 25

Iowa (3-2)

Northwestern 38, Iowa 31

Both teams traded punches all day but Northwestern came up with the big play to pick up its first conference win. Cornerback Trae Williams picked off Iowa quarterback CJ Beathard at the Northwestern 36-yard line with 1:05 left in the game to seal the victory. Northwestern running back Justin Jackson finished with 171 yards on the ground and a touchdown.

This Week In Husker History

Oct. 7, 1993

Story by Kevin Houck • Huskers Illustrated Archives

This week we flashback to the early 90's and when the Big 12 conference had only eight members.

On Oct. 7, 1993, Nebraska Head Coach Tom Osborne earned his 200th career victory against Oklahoma State.

Osborne's milestone victory didn't come as easily as many assumed, rallying to win 27-13. The Huskers traveled to Stillwater as the seventh-ranked team in the nation. The Cowboys came into the game at 2-1, winning only four games in the past two seasons.

The Huskers took their first and only lead of the game after cornerback Barron Miles blocked a punt and recovered the ball in the endzone for a touchdown in the beginning of the fourth quarter.

Oklahoma State netted two field goals to take a 6-0 first quarter lead. The Cowboys' first field goal came after the Husker's fumbled inside the Cowboys' 25-yard line and the second was after forcing a Husker punt.

In the opening seconds of the second quarter the Huskers tallied their first points of the game. A 28-yard field goal by kicker Byron Bennett cut the deficit to three points.

Oklahoma State answer back with a 80-yard drive with 6:27 left in the first half. Running back Louis Adams scored on a one-yard rushing touchdown to put the Cowboys up by 10.

In the closing seconds of the first half, Bennett connected on another field goal for the Huskers. This time with a 26-yard field goal to give the Cowboys a 10-6 lead. Oklahoma State couldn't have asked for a better script to head into halftime with. The Cowboys dominated time of possession, recovered a fumble in their own red zone, didn't commit a single turnover and held Husker running back Calvin Jones to 26 yards rushing.

The Huskers answered the wake up call at halftime though.

Jones' 20 yard run on the Huskers second possession put the ball at the Cowboys 4-yard line and on the next play quarterback

Tommie Frazier capped off the seven-play, 56-yard drive scoring on a quarterback keeper to tie the game at 13-13 with 5:24 left in the third quarter.

Miles blocked punt and touchdown recovery came after linebacker Trev Alberts sacked the Cowboys quarterback at the 2-yard line on the first play of the fourth quarter. Miles earned Big

Eight Defensive Player of the Week honors for his eight tackles, one pass breakup and blocked punt performance.

Alberts finished the game with 11 tackles, a sack and a career-high nine quarterback hurries.

Oklahoma State lined up to punt on fourth and 8 at the Huskers 45-yard line but went for the fake and didn't convert.

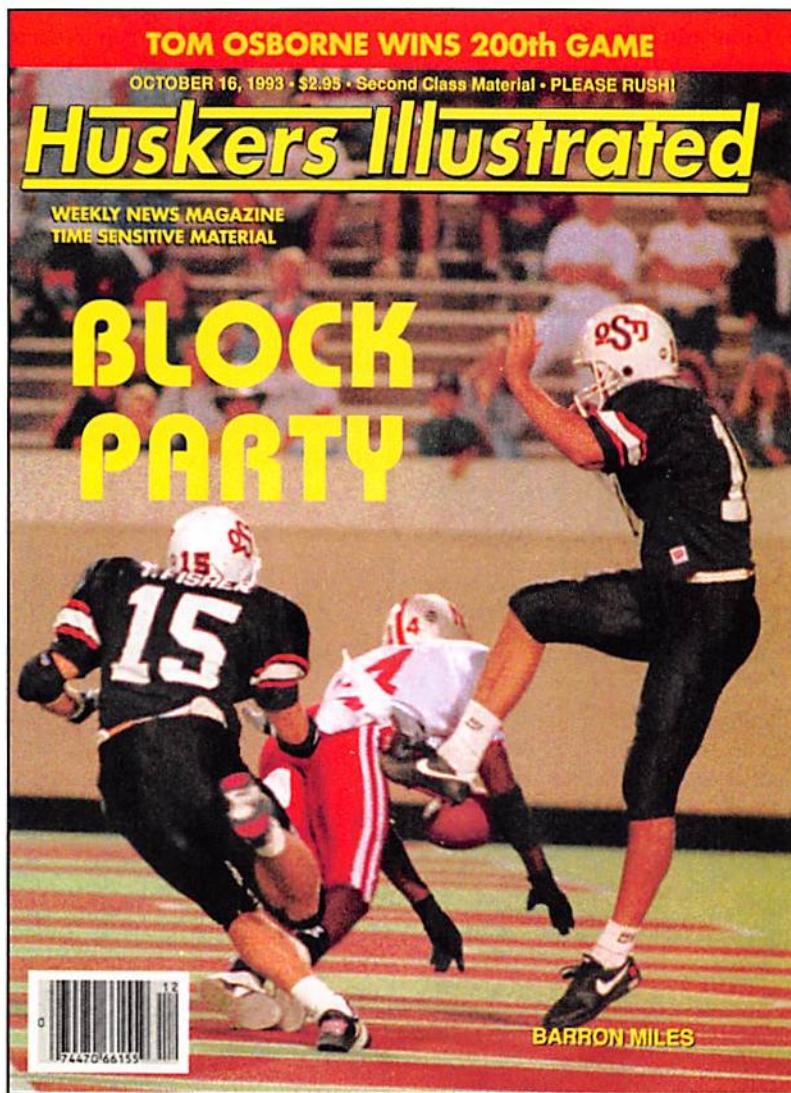
Three plays later, Jones 44-yard rushing touchdown sealed the Husker victory with 3:38 remaining in the game. Jones finished with 136 yards on 21 carries.

The Huskers out rushed the Cowboys 203-51 in the second half. Oklahoma State lead the conference in rush defense heading into the game. Frazier finished with 68 yards rushing and added 109 yards through the air.

Poor field position doomed the Cowboys in the second half. None of Oklahoma State's drives started past their own 20-yard line.

The Blackshirts held the Cowboys on each of its last nine possessions to force eight punts and a failed fake punt. The defense also only allowed Oklahoma State to 59 yards of total offense in the second half.

The victory marked the 20th straight win for the Huskers over the Cowboys and Osborne became only the 11th Division I coach to reach 200 victories. At the time, he was just the third active coach to reach the 200 plateau and fastest ever to reach the mark in just 249 games.





A Stroll Down Rasmussen Road With **COURTNEY HUMM**

Daughter of Nebraska Football Player Dave Humm

Column by Butch Rasmussen • Courtesy Photo

Courtney Humm had never been to Nebraska and when she found out the Nebraska Cornhuskers were matched against the Oregon Ducks in a September football game in Lincoln she thought it would be great fun to meet an old friend from Oregon in Lincoln for the game.

Mike Jacobson who is a Husker benefactor and has a luxury skybox high up in Memorial Stadium offered to provide a couple seats for Ms. Humm and her guest in his skybox and the trip was set.

Courtney's interest in Nebraska football came about because her father Dave Humm, was an All-America quarterback for the Huskers from 1972-74.

He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1988 and has been wheelchair bound for the past 19 years.

Courtney has grown up hearing about the Big Red experience but her dad has never been able to share it with her personally so this trip for Courtney was a big deal and there were times she stood in absolute awe of the experience and sometimes her emotions came to the fore as she absorbed her Big Red surroundings for the first time.

In so many cases she was seeing that lefty #12 again doing his thing as one of the best college quarterbacks of his day in all the land.

It all started on Friday with a personal tour of the massive Husker athletic complex arranged by Jacobson and escorted by Jack Pierce, a one-time Tom Osborne assistant coach. Here she would see that her father's prominent stature 42 years ago had not been forgotten.

Courtney's excitement began as her tour entered the restricted areas of the stadium and pictures and painted portraits of her dad began to appear in the hallways. He didn't have a mustache back then and she needed help to find his picture on the walls as a Husker team captain and a Husker All-American.

"Being in Nebraska for the whole experience was so special for me," she said.

"When we did the walk through on Friday with Jack Pierce, I imagined my dad walking out of the locker room, touching the lucky horseshoe, running out of the tunnel and onto the field. When I stepped onto the field my emotions got the best of me and I started to tear up. I was standing where my dad played, where he became All-American, where he set all of those records.



COURTNEY HUMM TAKES A PICTURE WITH THE TOM OSBORNE AND BROOK BERRINGER STATUE DURING HER VISIT TO LINCOLN.

"The feelings were overwhelming and I felt closer to him than ever. Then watching the game on Saturday I got to experience the passion he felt his whole career. My dad and uncle have told me stories about Nebraska games my entire life and to finally get to experience a little part of what they experienced is something I will cherish forever!"

Jacobson invited them to attend his ultimate tailgate party the next day prior to the game with 'the best food' and an open bar.

Then they enjoyed the game in Jacobson's suite on the 40-yard line. He had even reserved a seat with the name HUMM on it.

"I felt so special! He is one of the kindest men I have ever had the pleasure of meeting. I am beyond thankful for everything he did for me." Courtney said.

Then from Jacobson's suite watching the fireworks, everyone in the entire stadium standing and hearing everyone chanting Husker Power was an experience I had never had before! The game was sooo much fun watching in person. I even got to go to Coach Osborne's suite at halftime! Coach and Nancy have always been so kind to me. Getting to see Coach Osborne and Nancy was a highlight of my weekend. I can't thank them enough for their kindness."

Courtney was asked if she was treated like Dave Humm royalty:

"Now I know how royalty feels! It all started with my host Mike Jacobson, he made me feel so special allowing me to go to his tailgate, then up to his suite. Jack Pierce took me on the walk through on Friday and down to the field on Saturday.

"It has been more than 40 years since my dad walked off the field at Nebraska and I couldn't believe how many people still remember him fondly to this day! The love I felt just being my father's daughter was overwhelming! Everyone told me to send my dad their love! I was treated like I was him. I was even asked to take a picture with a fan just because I was my dad's daughter, that has never happened to me before and I loved it! I loved meeting everyone and everyone was beyond nice and I loved hearing all of the stories about my dad from back in the day. I got the ultimate Husker treatment!!"

Oh, and "Don't forget we won against a big time opponent – wow! It makes me tear up thinking back to my entire weekend, the feelings I felt and the kindness everyone showed! I wish I could make it to every game!"

Jon Bostick was described by former NU head coach Tom Osborne as a ‘true receiver’



Story By Shane G. Gilster
Photos courtesy of NU Media Relations

Jon Bostick honed his receiving skills at Bellevue Interlake High School, across Lake Washington from the UW campus in Seattle. He was named the state's player of the year in 1987 by the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* after catching 39 passes for 814 yards and 16 TDs. He also was a dangerous kick returner, scoring four touchdowns.

Bostick could have stayed on the West Coast and gone to a school that threw the ball all over the field, but he instead looked to the Midwest and a team he grew up watching.

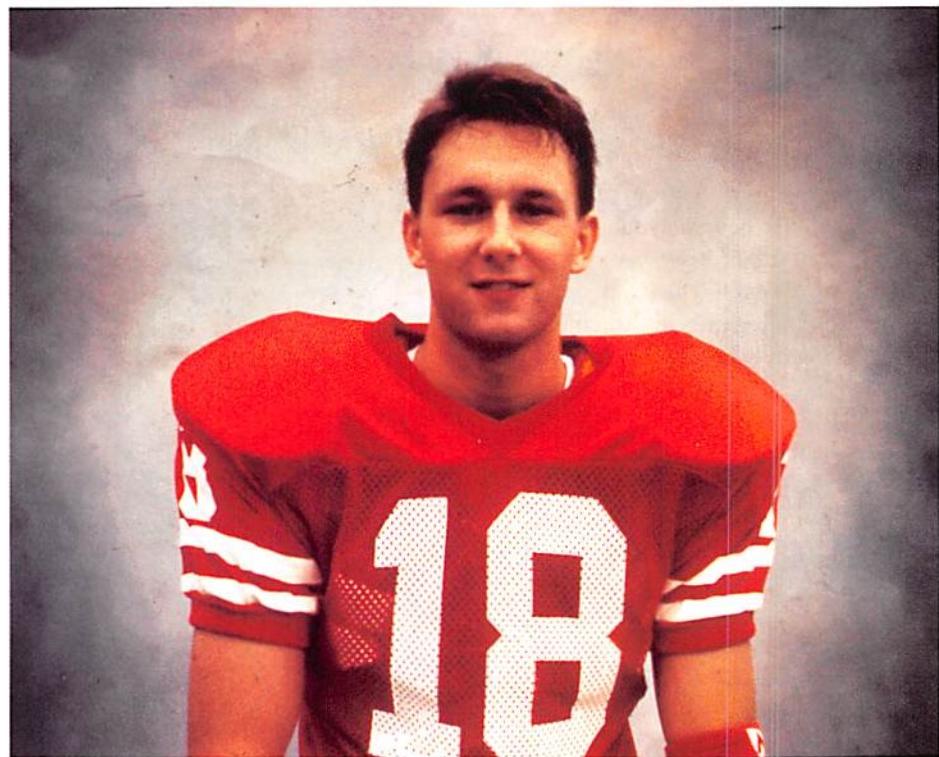
“My dad played football at Oklahoma, so I grew up around the Nebraska/Oklahoma rivalry. That was college football for me,” Bostick explained. “So I knew a lot about Nebraska. Oklahoma ran the wishbone and didn’t throw the ball very much, but Nebraska ran out of the I-formation so you had two receivers. In my senior year of high school, Nebraska had Steve Taylor at quarterback, and I remember him throwing five touchdown passes against UCLA, so they threw the ball.”

Bostick’s top five schools were USC, Oregon State, Washington, Washington State and Nebraska. It eventually came down to USC, Washington and Nebraska.

“Nebraska’s recruiting spiel was that I could go to Washington or Oregon State and catch a bunch of passes, or I could come there and catch three to four balls a game and get a punt and kickoff return,” he said.

Another influence in turning him toward Nebraska was a conversation he had with an All-Pac Ten receiver from Oregon State.

“He said that it was pretty cool I was considering Nebraska. This guy caught a lot of passes for Oregon State but never went to a bowl game during his four years there. He said he would give up all his passes to go to a bowl game. That kind of stuck with me,” Bostick said.



Wide receiver Jon Bostick is pictured before his senior season in 1990.

Reading Osborne’s book, “More than Winning” before his visit also played a factor in Bostick choosing Nebraska.

“After reading the book, I realized Coach Osborne shared the same values that I did. I wanted to compete on the Division I level, go to bowl games and get my degree. There was more to life than football,” Bostick said.

Bostick said he felt pressure to stay at home and go to Washington, but he was born in Kansas and moved a lot as a kid, so he didn’t grow up a Washington fan like a lot of his friends. So he committed to Nebraska, and the Huskers got a talented receiver for its offense.

But it took Bostick a season and almost half of another to see the field. Bostick didn’t redshirt in his freshman season at Nebraska. Instead, he did what most true freshmen did at that time: he played on the junior varsity team.

He was the starting split end and led the team in receptions with 10, for almost 300 yards and six touchdowns.

“Looking back, I think it was a waste of the year to play on the freshman team. I should have redshirted and played four years,” Bostick said. “I used up a year of eligibility playing on the freshman team. We played teams that were way undermanned...I think our first game of the year we won like 86 to 3...that doesn’t teach you anything.”

But Bostick expected to get that year back,

as he was slated for a redshirt year as a sophomore, but four games into the 1989 season, Osborne decided Bostick was too valuable in the passing game to keep him off the field. So he suited up, and in his first game, his first career catch was one to remember.

It came against Oregon State in the fourth quarter, and proved to be the score that helped the Huskers pull away from the Beavers. Bostick got behind the OSU defense and scored on a 60-yard TD pass from quarterback Gerry Gdowski.

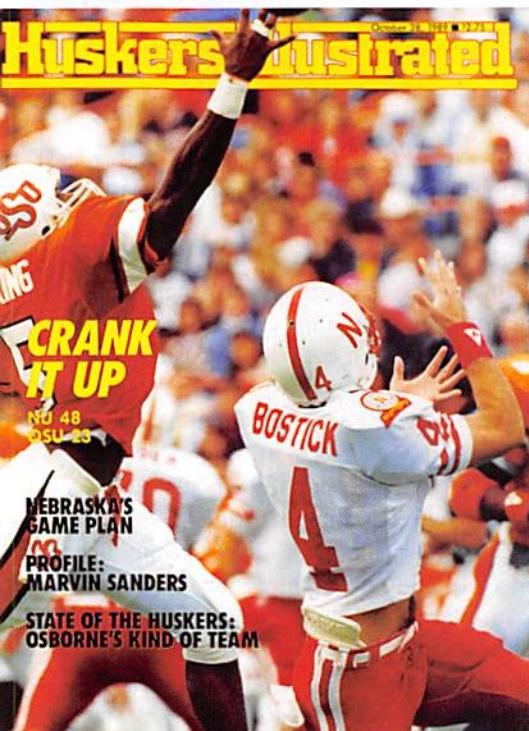
He followed that performance up with a three-catch, 77-yard and two-touchdown effort against Kansas State, then had career highs of five receptions for 99 yards and two touchdowns against Oklahoma State. Despite playing in only eight games that season, Bostick led the Big Red with six touchdown catches and was second in the Big Eight. His 24.1 yards-per-catch average ranked second all-time in NU history.

Even though he wasn’t the biggest at 6-2 and 185 pounds, or the fastest (he had 4.5 speed in the 40-yard dash), Bostick possessed the required qualities to make a successful receiver.

“You have to have timing,” Bostick said emphatically. “Nothing drives me crazier than when I see a receiver mis-time his jump or wait for the ball to get to them, which allows the defensive back to make the play. Also, athleticism



Above: Bostick lays out for a pass catch attempt against Georgia Tech in the Citrus Bowl. Below: Bostick makes a catch against Oklahoma State during the 1989 season.



is more important than straight-line speed. A lot of times you have guys that are really fast, but can't adjust to the ball and it just hits them in the hands. And lastly you have to compete and don't give up on a route."

Bostick had a lot more experience than a lot of the receivers on the Nebraska roster, because his high school offense threw the ball regularly and while at Nebraska, would use the off-season to improve.

"Over the summer I would get together with college or NFL guys and catch passes for them. I remember one summer I caught passes from Mark Wilson, who was the Oakland Raiders starting quarterback," Bostick said.

As a junior, Bostick led the team in both receptions (19) and yards (375) while also re-

turning punt and kickoffs. But it was a difficult season, as Nebraska lost three of its final four games, after an 8-0 start and rising to No. 3 in the national polls. One of the reasons for the slide that season was the unsettled situation at quarterback.

"The best quarterback I played with during my time at Nebraska was Gerry Gdowski in 1989. If we could have had him coming back in 1990 we could have done more, because we had a really good defense," Bostick said.

In his final season, Bostick was the team's second-leading receiver behind All-Conference tight end Johnny Mitchell, who had 31 catches for 534 yards.

"People always asked me who was the best athlete I ever saw or played with, and I would say Johnny Mitchell," Bostick said. "There was nothing the guy couldn't do. He was truly a freak when it came to athleticism."

During his senior year, Bostick caught 24 passes for 419 yards and five touchdowns, which ranked him seventh in the Big Eight in receiving yards per game (38.1). He garnered first-team All-Big Eight honors from the league's coaches, and had a 17-game pass-catching string, third-longest in school history.

One game he looked forward to playing during his senior season was against Washington, which was ranked No. 4 in the nation. Bostick had a 42-yard touchdown reception, but UW scored 20 unanswered points in the fourth quarter and pulled away for a 36-21 victory in Lincoln.

"I knew a lot of the guys on the Washington team and played in high school with a few of them. It was probably the toughest loss I had while playing at Nebraska. They had a great team all around," Bostick said. "I remember having a 21-9 lead, but they got a long run late to ice it. It was a game that could have gone either way. The two losses my senior year came to Washington and Miami, Fla. in the bowl game. Both were co-national champions that year."

Bostick said he would have liked to have played on a national championship team, and was a little envious of Washington winning one while he was playing for the Huskers.

"But I won a national title ring as a graduate assistant in 1997 at Nebraska, so that eased the thought of not going to Washington and winning one," he said.

For Bostick, his biggest regret was not winning a bowl game during his playing days at Nebraska.

"But the fact was in my junior and senior years, we played four teams that were the co-national champions, and the team we played my sophomore year finished No. 2, but everybody thought [they] should have been the national champion."

Colorado and Georgia Tech shared the national championship in Bostick's junior season and Florida State was one of the best teams in 1989. Since that 1991 game, Nebraska and Washington have played six times, with the Huskers winning four of them.

"There has been a long history between Nebraska and Washington. We played them first in the early '90s, and later that decade when I was a graduate assistant at Nebraska. Then just recently, playing them three times in two years," he said.

Bostick said the football history and tradition is comparable between the two schools, but the biggest thing he has seen is if Washington is having an off year and losing, then the stands start becoming empty.

"There is a lot of passion for the team out here for UW, but there is a lot of other stuff going on in Seattle, with the professional teams like the Seahawks and Mariners."

Bostick's professional career was short-lived. He was drafted in the seventh round of the 1992 NFL draft by the Denver Broncos.

"I was told by NFL reports that I was going to be a fifth- or sixth-rounder, so after that sixth round I was getting a little nervous, but back then there were 12 rounds," Bostick said. "I was pretty happy about where I was drafted, though. I was going to a good team who had a need for a receiver."

But he got injured in training camp and was offered an injury settlement.

"So I thought I would rehab and make a comeback the next year. I got picked up by Cleveland, but it wasn't for very long. San Francisco was interested, but then I never got invited to camp."

With his playing career over, Bostick took a job in the development office at the NU athletic department from 1992 to '97. Then, from 1997 to 2000, he was a graduate assistant with NU football team. Bostick remembers a funny story from that time period.

"Back on my recruiting trip, Coach Osborne told me that he needed to recruit receivers like me so they could throw the ball more. When I was a grad assistant, we were watching recruiting film of some receivers and they asked me what I thought about them. I said, 'Coach (Osborne), why don't you lie to them like you did me and tell them you throw the ball a lot.' Everybody started laughing, and Coach Osborne said, 'Jon, not everybody's dumb enough to believe it.'"

After his stint at NU, Bostick served as the defensive coordinator at Nebraska Wesleyan and then as the general manager of the Omaha Beef, all between the years of 2000 to 2005.

Today Bostick is happy to be living in his home state of Washington and close to his family. But he will always be a Husker.

Diving for Dad

NU's Filipcic uses his memory to motivate her

Story by Kevin Houck • Photo Courtesy NU Media Relations

Anna Filipcic found an escape in a new sport when tragedy struck before becoming an All-American at Nebraska.

Filipcic was introduced to sports when she started gymnastics at 3-years old. As she grew older, she moved from recreational to competitive competitions, where her parents captured every moment.

"They were very involved," said Filipcic, who now is a senior diver for the Huskers. "They always liked to record everything. Actually over last winter break, I went through a whole bunch of home videos and they're from every single meet I've been in. We would go to these meets and they were the parents with the camcorder set up ready to go."

As normal for most divers, she transitioned from gymnastics to the pool as she got older.

But before Filipcic turned her talents to the diving board tragedy hit home. Her father passed away in 2008 leaving an emptiness inside of her.

"When I started diving it was very recently after my dad passed away," Filipcic said. "I had a hard time dealing with that in terms of expressing myself. I think starting this new sport I developed a different relationship than I had with gymnastics. Just because it was something I could fully use as an escape or distraction. So for that reason diving is very special to me."

Filipcic was recruited out of Omaha Burke High School, where she was an Junior All-American in 2011.

She was also part of the Nebraska Dive Club, which practices at the Devaney Sports Center. That is where she met Husker Head Diving Coach Natasha Chikina.

"I knew Anna for two years prior to recruiting her," Chikina said. "Her strength and power immediately grabbed my attention as a coach. Besides her talent, Anna stands out because of her great work ethic and incredible determination. Those qualities are rare and make her unique."

Her club team practicing in Lincoln played a big part in her decision to dive for the Huskers with the addition of working with Chikina during the summers.

"It was nice because I had known Natasha (Chikina) and worked with her a few times over the summer. It was a smoother transition than if I would have gone somewhere else. I would have had to get used to a completely different coach, coaching style and environment. It was very comfortable for me to merge right onto the team."

Filipeic bursted onto the scene her freshman season in 2013. She recorded 16 top-five finishes, including nine victories, and became the first Husker diver to qualify for the NCAA Championships since 2005.

"That was definitely a very special moment for me my freshman year," Filipcic said. "Throughout my freshman year, I struggled with consistency a lot but that meet is when I thought everything came together. It was really good to see all the hard-work pay off."



ANNA FILIPCIC

She finished 22nd in the one-meter and three-meter boards at the NCAA Championships.

Filipeic set career bests at the Big Ten Championships her sophomore year with times of 329.50 in the one-meter and 356.75 in the three-meter dive. Again, Filipcic qualified for the NCAA Championships, placing 21st in the one-meter and 20th in the three-meter.

Her junior year was a record setting year. During the season, she broke all of the Husker diving records in the one-meter and three-meter events and she is the first Husker diver who finished in the top three in the conference championships since 1991.

In her third-straight appearance at the NCAA Championships, Filipcic produced a 310.60 to take 10th in the one-meter dive and she added a 47th-place finish in the three-meter dive with 246.30 points, despite taking a zero after hitting the board on her second dive. She led the field after her opening dive of the three-meter competition.

Her top 10 finish in the one-meter dive earned her NCAA Honorable Mention All-American honors in 2015. Even though Filipcic's senior campaign has yet to begin, Chikina said she has already solidified her spot in Husker history.

"In three years, Anna has been very instrumental and plays a big part in the team success," Chikina said. "She has raised the bar high for the team as she has become one of the best divers in Nebraska's history."

The legacy Filipcic will leave at Nebraska is one she said she is very thankful for but admits it is weird to look back on all her success knowing her father never got to witness the beginning.

"I think he would be very proud of me but it's weird to think that he never got to see me dive," Filipcic said. "He knew nothing about me eventually diving. That's weird for me to think about but I think that if he were here, he would probably be doing the same thing with the camcorder at every event but there's moments I think about him during tough times with diving."

Nebraska shuts out Indiana to improve to 9-4

Courtesy NU Media Relations • Photo by Mitch Otto

The Nebraska soccer team shut out Indiana 1-0 in its lone match of the weekend Friday night in front of 1,515 fans at Barbara Hibner Stadium.

The Huskers improved to 9-4-0 on the season and 3-2-0 in the Big Ten. Indiana fell to 5-7-1 and 2-3-0 in conference play.

Reigning Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week Jaycie Johnson headed in the lone goal off a corner kick delivered by senior Sydney Miramontez in the 53rd minute.

The header pushed Johnson to a team-leading nine goals on the season, while Miramontez picked up her team-leading sixth assist. Johnson scored her 40th career goal and is one goal shy of tying for seventh most in school history. The deciding goal was Johnson's 15th career game-winner, which bumps the senior to a tie for second most in NU history.

True freshman goalkeeper Aubrei Corder recorded three saves and earned her fifth career shutout. The Huskers outshot the Hoosiers 10-6 and edged Indiana



in shots on goal (5-4) and corner kicks (4-1).

Caroline Flynn had five shots for the Huskers. Caroline Buelt, Sinclair Miramontez, Sydney Miramontez and Alli Peterson started on the back line that helped record the Huskers' fifth shutout of the season.

Next up, the Huskers travel to Wisconsin for a Thursday night showdown at 7 p.m. on Oct. 6. NU also will play at Minnesota on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 1 p.m. Both matches will be televised live on the Big Ten Network.

2016 Women's Soccer Schedule

8-19 Marquette	W 2-1
8-22 @ BYU	W, 1-0
8-26 @ Oregon	L, 1-0
8-28 @ Oregon State	W, 2-1
9-2 Kansas	W, 1-0
9-4 Saint Louis	W, 2-1
9-9 Dayton	W, 3-1
9-11 @ Clemson	L, 5-2
9-16 Michigan State	W, 2-0
9-18 Michigan	L, 2-1
9-23 @ Ohio State	W, 3-0
9-25 @ Penn State	L, 2-1
9-30 Indiana	W, 1-0
10-6 @ Wisconsin	
10-9 @ Minnesota	
10-13 Illinois	
10-16 Northwestern	
10-22 @ Rutgers	
10-26 Iowa	
10-30 Big Ten Tournament	
11-4 Big Ten Tournament	
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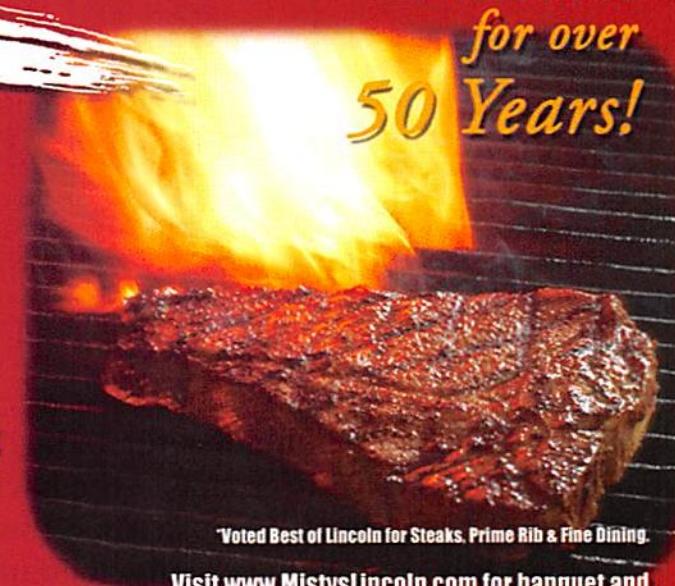
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BACK ROW FORCE

Annika Albrecht not only passes the ball, but is becoming an attack threat as well

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Annika Albrecht will probably never lead Nebraska in kills this season.

The 6-foot junior from North Aurora, Illinois, plays almost exclusively in the back row, but that doesn't mean she won't pick up some big kills this year.

Her back-row attack may be one of the keys to taking the Husker offense to the next level.

Earlier this season the back-row attack wasn't working so well for Albrecht and the Huskers.

"That's the fine line with Anni," Nebraska coach John Cook said. "She doesn't get like 50 swings a match. It's going to be a couple a game, so she really wants it so she's pressing. When the set isn't there and you're trying to do too much, that's when you're going to make errors."

"So we worked on if the set isn't there, just hit it to a corner. We worked on her just settling down a little bit."

It really started to come together the weekend of the Ameritas Players Challenge. Albrecht had seven kills in nine attacks with no errors in those three matches, including a 3-1 win over Creighton.

"Creighton would release their blockers on our hitters and leave the middle of the court wide open so Anni was getting free swings," Cook said. "It makes them think about doing that. When she's getting three or four kills a match...First of all they're letting her go and not respecting her. The second thing is she's making them pay."

"It's kind of devastating. You do all this and all of a sudden here comes Anni out of the back row getting a kill."

Albrecht gives setter Kelly Hunter credit for the success of her attacks from the back row.

"Honestly, it's a lot of Kelly," Albrecht said. "She does a really good job setting the ball right where I need it."

"You have to see and move the ball. You have to see where they (the blocks) are. The difference in the back row is sometimes you broad jump a little bit more because sometimes the set is a little inside the 10-foot line. But Anni is really good at it. That's why we set her."

Nebraska volleyball coach John Cook

The Huskers' .333 hitting percentage was second in the nation after the first weekend of Big Ten Conference play. Albrecht attacking from the back row could make that offense even more effective, although playing in the tough Big Ten will make it tough for Nebraska to improve its hitting efficiency the rest of the season.

It was .349 heading into conference play, and that could be the high point of the year.

But a back-row threat definitely adds to the offense.

"It just adds another attacker," Albrecht said. "It makes the middle on the other team think about one more thing."

Cook said the same factors that make an attacker effective from the front row applies to those in the back row.

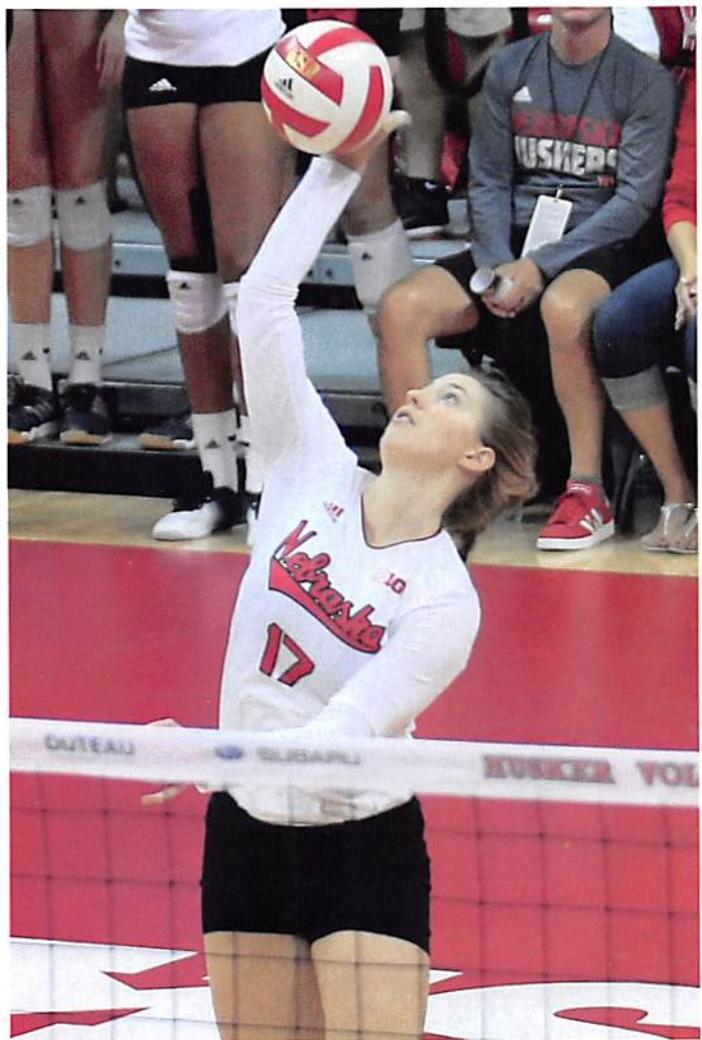
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Albrecht's back-row defense and serving have also been key for the Huskers' play early in the season.

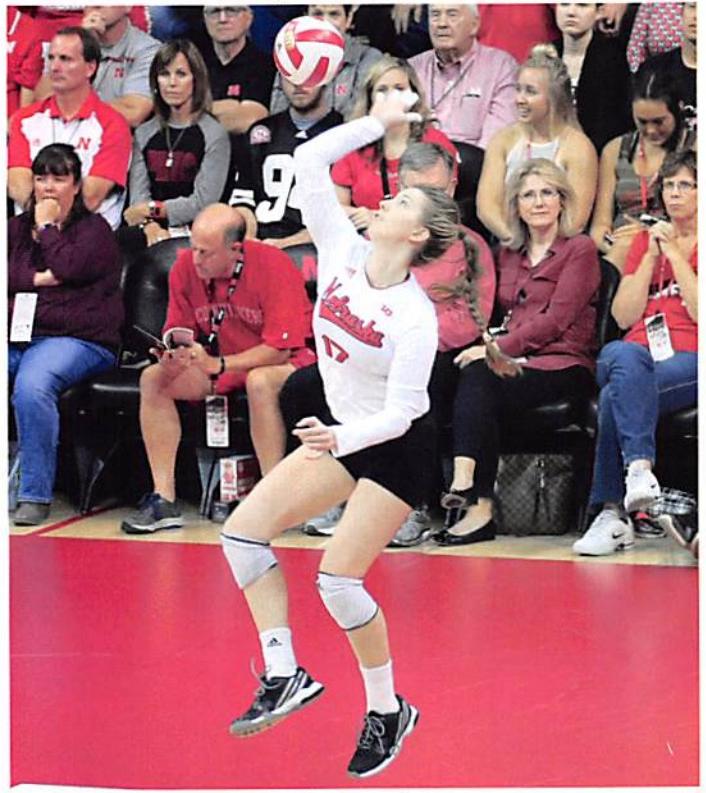
"We've been really focused on serve and pass this season so far," Albrecht said. "With everyone passing so well, I think it's made all of us improve with our defense, and even our hitters are hitting so well and making great shots. It's forcing the back-row players to play at a higher level."

And the Husker serve has set up the defense which was holding opponents to .139 through the first 11 matches.

"Our team is serving amazingly right now," Albrecht said. "In practice, it's so hard to pass because everyone is serving so well. On the bright side, I think our whole team will be a really strong serving team, and we've already showed that."



Annika Albrecht has been called upon to be a hitter out of the back row as well as doing her normal roles of passing and serving.



2016 Schedule

VERT Challenge at Eugene, Oregon

Aug. 26	Florida	W, 3-1
Aug. 27	Texas	W, 3-0

Nebraska Invite at Lincoln, Nebraska

Sept. 2	Iowa State	W, 3-0
Sept. 3	Oregon State	W, 3-0

Lobo Classic at Albuquerque, N.M.

Sept. 8	Montreal (Exh.)	W, 3-0
Sept. 9	Arkansas	W, 3-0
Sept. 10	New Mexico	W, 3-0

Ameritas Challenge at Devaney Center

Sept. 16	Montana State	W, 3-0
Sept. 16	Gonzaga	W, 3-0
Sept. 17	Creighton	W, 3-1

Sept. 23 at Michigan W, 3-0

Sept. 24 at Mich. State W, 3-2

Sept. 28 at Illinois W, 3-0

Oct. 1 Ohio State L, 3-1

Oct. 7 Indiana 7 p.m.

Oct. 9 Purdue 2 p.m.

Oct. 14 at Ohio State 5 p.m.

Oct. 16 at Maryland Noon

Oct. 21 Wisconsin 8 p.m.

Oct. 23 Minnesota 1 p.m.

Oct. 28 Illinois 6 p.m.

Oct. 29 Northwestern 7 p.m.

Nov. 4 at Penn State 7 p.m.

Nov. 5 at Rutgers 6 p.m.

Nov. 9 Iowa 6 p.m.

Nov. 12 at Indiana 6 p.m.

Nov. 16 Penn State 7 p.m.

Nov. 19 at Iowa 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 23 at Minnesota 8 p.m.

Nov. 26 Michigan 7 p.m.

Dec. 1-3 NCAA 1st, 2nd Rds TBD

Dec. 9-10 NCAA Regionals - TBD

Dec. 15 NCAA Semis at Columbus,

Dec. 17 NCAA Finals at Columbus

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HUSKERS SURVIVE FRIDAY-SATURDAY FORMAT

The Huskers opened the Big Ten season with what coach John Cook called one of the toughest assignments in the Big Ten. That was playing back-to-back road matches at Michigan and Michigan State.

The Huskers survived, but just barely, with a 3-2 win over Michigan State that went 16-14 in the fifth set.

"They were tough matches, which we were expecting in Michigan," Cook said. "It's a tough road trip, one of the most challenging in the Big Ten, especially when both teams are having football games with logistics and hotels and everything."

"But the team did a nice job, found a way to get two wins, and it's not any easier this week. It's another Big Ten week playing two more ranked teams. I'm hoping this brings out the best in us."

Senior middle blocker Amber Rolfzen said she much likes he split week game schedule better.

"I prefer Wednesday-Saturday," Rolfzen said. "I'm sure coach doesn't. I just like playing, having a little break, and playing again. It gets kind of exhausting playing Friday and Saturday on the road. I would prefer Wednesday-Saturday all year."

The Huskers have two more Friday-Saturday matchups this season.

They host Illinois and Northwestern on Oct. 28-29, then are on the road for Penn State and Rutgers Nov. 4-5.

"If we're traveling I prefer Wednesday-Saturday, because

playing back to back is really tough," Cook said. "But when we get to the tournament we have to play back to back, so it's good to play some back to back and some Wednesday-Saturday."

"But that's a tough road trip to play Michigan-Michigan State back to back. It's one of the tougher swings in the Big Ten."



Senior Amber Rolfzen makes an attack for the Huskers against Ohio State.

HUNTER LEADS THE HUSKERS

Rolfzen said setter Kelly Hunter is the undisputed leader for the Huskers. When they were down against Michigan State, it was Hunter who picked them up.

"At intermission Kelly did 95 percent of the talking when the coaches weren't in there," Rolfzen said. "During the fifth set when we were down 12-10 at a time out, Kelly goes, 'Everyone just think there and believe, think to yourself that we're going to win it.'"

Rolfzen said Hunter has become more and more of a vocal leader through the years.

"She knows we all look to her when things get tough," Hunter said.

RED-HOT ARENA

It was hot at Cliff Keen Arena for Michigan match, and not in a good way. Cook said it was uncomfortable for everyone – the fans, the coaches and the players.

"It was like a sauna in there," Cook said. "The fans were miserable. We were miserable, but it was hotter where they were sitting because we had fans on the benches."

Cook said volleyball deserves better than that.

"It's disappointing," Cook said. "In my opinion, you want to build a fan base and build volleyball, you don't put them in that situation."

ALREADY SENIORS

It doesn't seem that long ago that Amber and Kadie Rolfzen along with Justine Wong-Orantes joined the Husker program. They will all be remembered as part of the 2016 national championship team regardless of what happens this season.

Wong-Orantes said her career has gone by in a hurry.

"That makes for tons of emotion flying through my head," Wong-Orantes said. "Sadness, happiness, excited. I've talked to Kadie and Amber. This is our last year and we want to make every single day count."

"I think our mindset going in is just making it count and leaving no regrets."

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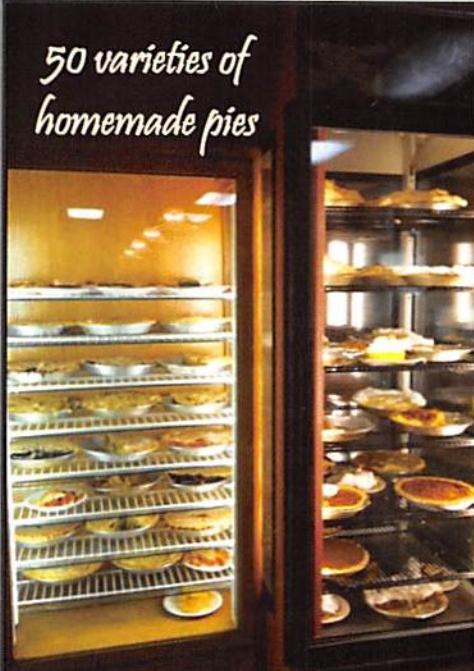
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